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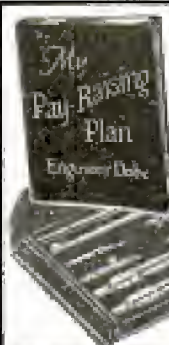
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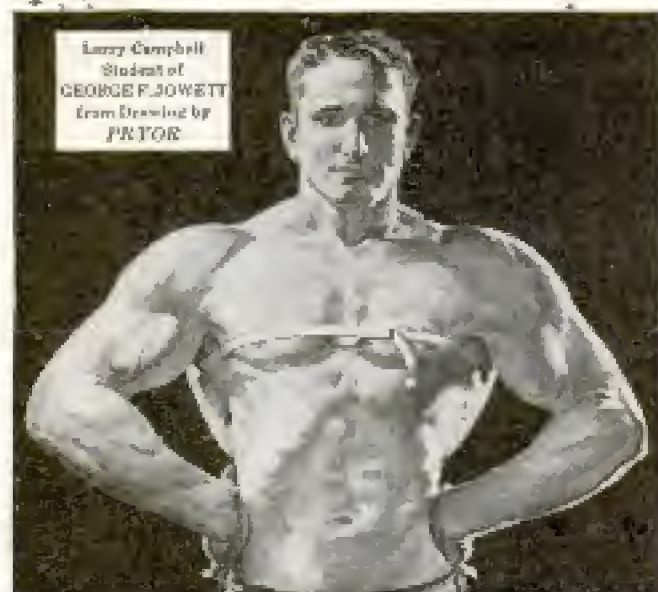
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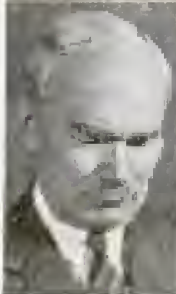
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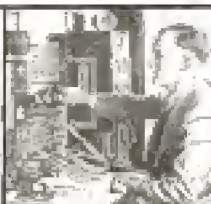
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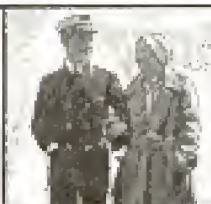
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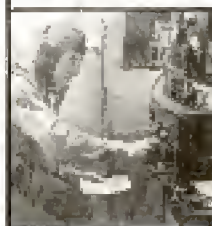


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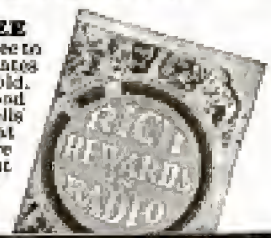
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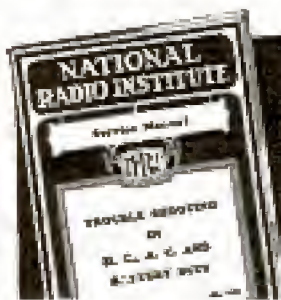
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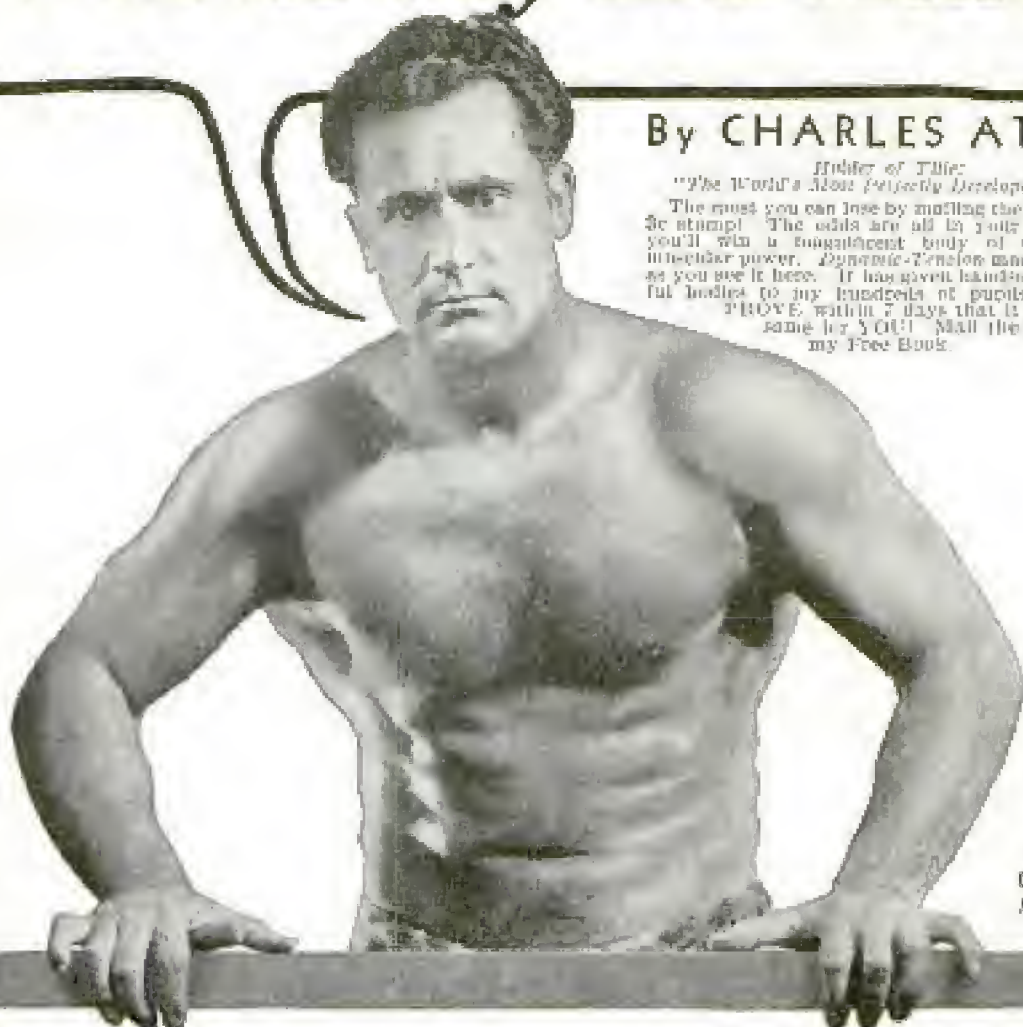
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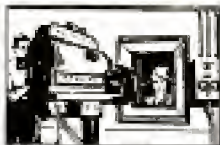
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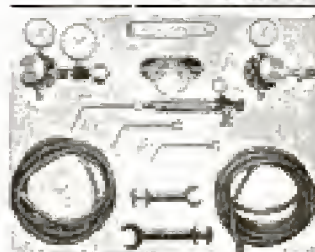
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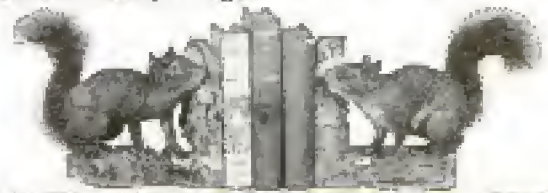
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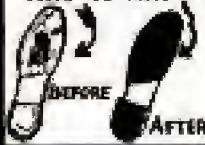


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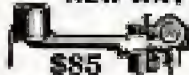
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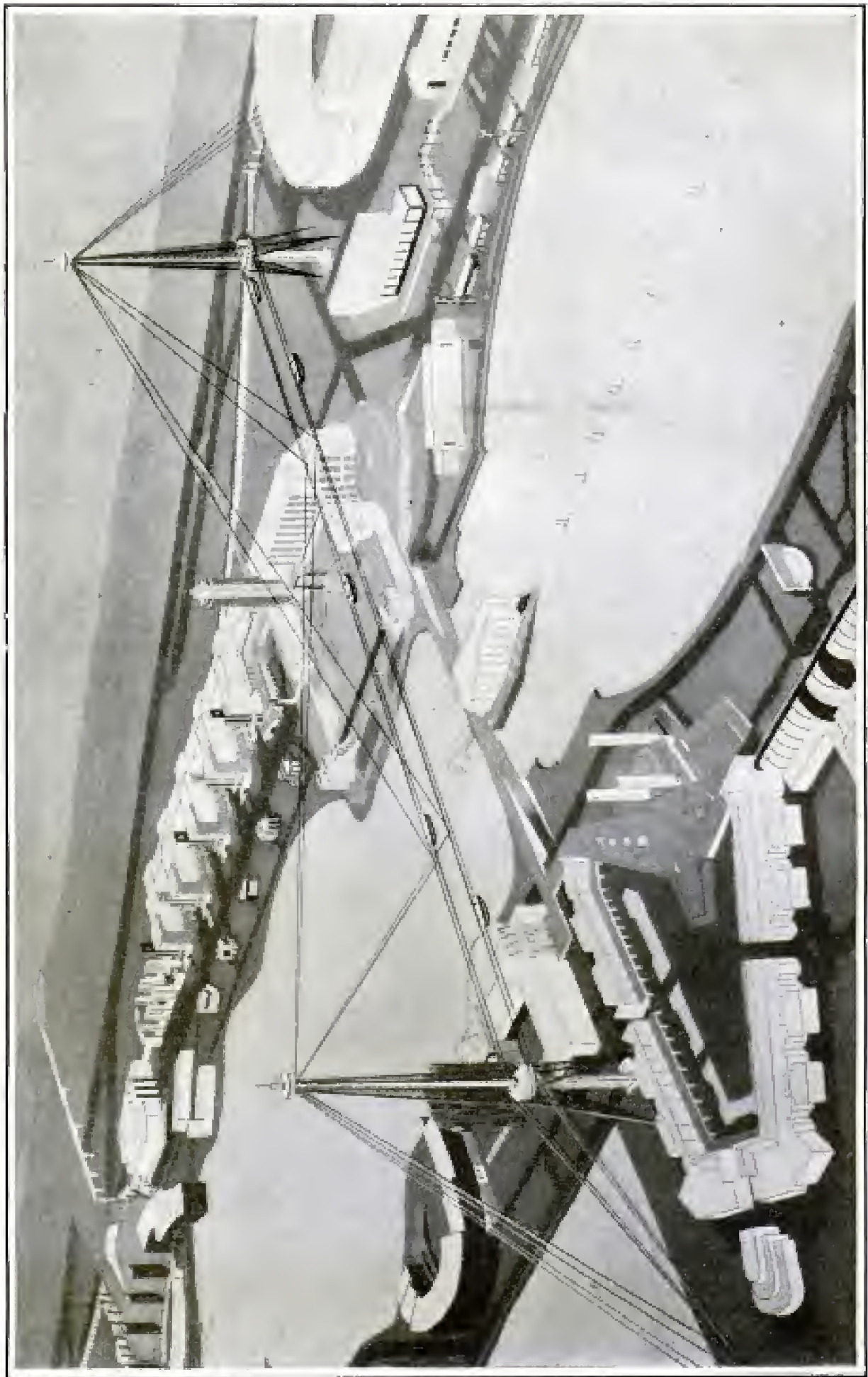
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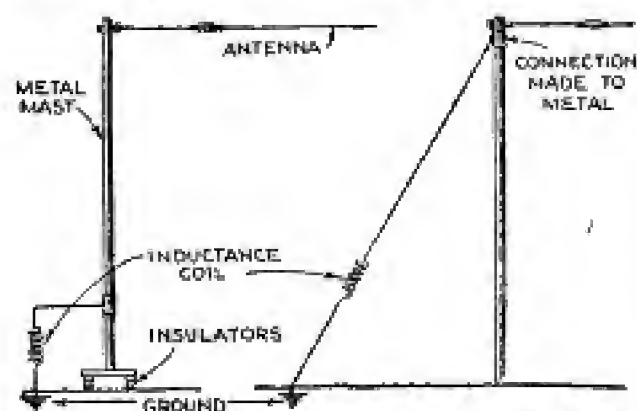
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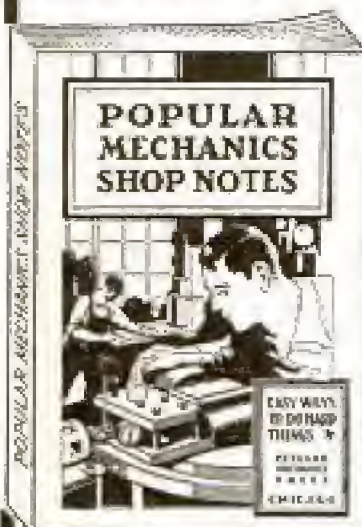
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Two theories have been advanced to explain the light pulsations from the variable stars, but neither has yet been proved. One is that such a star is a thin disk that revolves on poles, and the other, that the star actually expands and contracts.

Many of the most famous scientists began their careers as amateurs. Dr. George Ellery Hale, who developed the spectroheliograph with which to study the sun, made his first telescope when he was fifteen years old. The late Doctor Barnard was previously a commercial photographer. The actual discovery of the planet Pluto, whose existence had been suspected for years, was only recently made by the keen eyes of Clyde Tombaugh at the Flagstaff observatory. Tombaugh was another who began as an amateur, and he had been employed as an astronomer only a few months when he discovered the planet.

As craftsmen in the grinding and polishing of lenses, and in devising new instruments, amateurs are also held in high regard. Strange as it seems, small mirrors can be ground more perfectly by hand than by machines. The regular strokes of a machine leave tiny ridges on the surface that distort the image. The irregular, overlapping strokes of the hand make a more perfect surface. Amateurs grind their mirrors so accurately that imperfections five one-millionths of an inch high can be detected through a simple test.

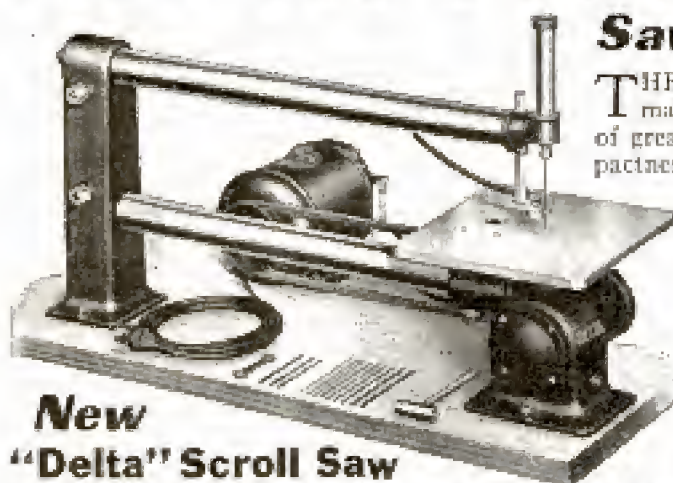
When one amateur astronomer had completed his telescope, he took it to the top of a hill to test it. After adjusting the mirrors, he was able to watch people boarding a steamer at a dock forty miles away. Some of the telescopes at the Harvard University observatory are equipped with mirrors that were made by an amateur star gazer for his own use. Two boys in Los Angeles have proved to be so adept at grinding mirrors that they have been asked to grind the lenses for a new eyepiece for the big telescope at Mt. Wilson, that will double the visual scope of that instrument.

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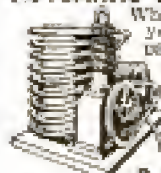
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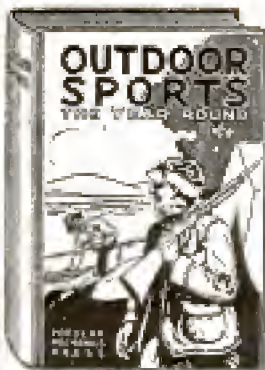
several minutes to repeat the gorilla's feat.

But why did Kasciula hate this particular gorilla which he called "Moami Ngagi." As soon as we were back in camp, I was told the story. A few years ago, six of Kasciula's subjects, one of them his own son, were passing through the forest when Moami Ngagi suddenly jumped upon them. The son of Kasciula and another pygmy were seized together in the gorilla's arms and crushed to death, while the others fled in terror. Not satisfied, Moami dropped the lifeless victims and pursued the fugitives. The pygmies followed their hunting tactics, about a hundred-to-one shot in such a circumstance, but their only hope of escape. Running at top speed, they plant a spear in the ground, at an angle, the point facing toward their pursuer. This they do without slackening their pace. The spear is almost diagonally placed and is easily concealed by the heavy grass so that ngagi, advancing in his fury, beating his breast and howling with rage, is often impaled by the spear.

This is what happened to Moami Ngagi, one spear penetrating deeply into his belly. Mad with pain and rage, the gorilla disappeared in the bushes and no hunter saw him again for months and months until one day he reappeared fully recovered.

I didn't know whether to believe this tale or not. Several weeks later, however, I had clear proof of the truth of Kasciula's story when this monstrous beast, having attacked me at close quarters and fallen at a few paces from me with two 10.75 bullets in his heart, I had the opportunity to examine the huge body. A black hairless spot showed where the pygmy spear had penetrated deeply a few years before.

Meanwhile I was better able to understand the formidable strength of this gorilla. Measuring six feet eight inches in height, the animal weighed 530 pounds. When we began the skinning of the body in order to prepare it carefully for a museum, we were lost in admiration of the arms. Exactly similar to human arms, but without a single ounce of fat, they measured one foot eight inches in circumference at the biceps. And I must admit that I felt a chill of fear at the thought of what might have happened had I missed.



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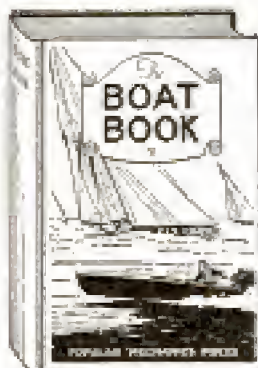
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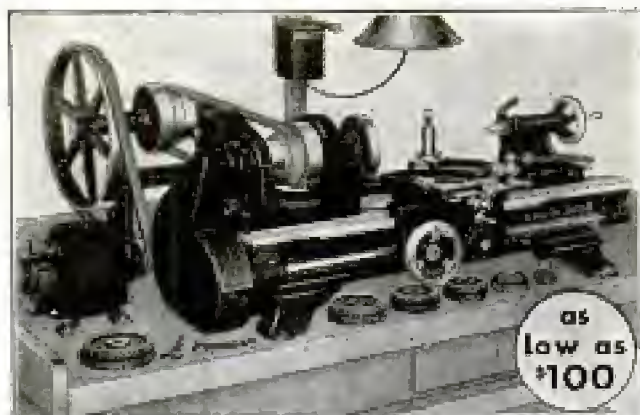
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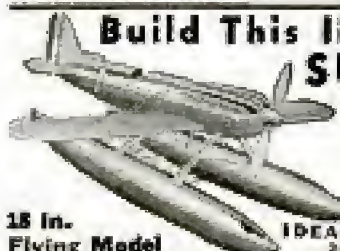
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antenna coil, wind 151 turns of No. 32 silk enamel copper wire, beginning about $\frac{1}{4}$ in. from the end. Now remove the 19th, 20th and 21st turns, to provide the proper coupling space between the primary and secondary. The terminal leads are soldered to lugs riveted to the lower end of the coil form. The high end of the primary, the lower 18-turn winding, and the lower end of the secondary are connected and soldered to a grounding lug that is connected to the 1-in. brass mounting bracket that supports the coil form as shown. The high end of the secondary goes out through the top of the shield to the cap on the tube, and also to the lug below for the connection to the first stator section of the ganged condenser.

The two r.f. coils are identical. Starting $\frac{1}{4}$ in. below the top of the coil form, wind 130 turns of the same-size wire to form the secondary. The lower end of this winding is grounded to the mounting bracket. The high end goes to the cap on the tube and one stator section as before. A strip of thin cardboard, $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. wide, or cardboard tubing that will fit snugly over the secondary winding, is prepared for the primary winding. This consists of 45 turns of No. 36 s.e. copper wire, or No. 32 can be used if desired. The ends of this winding should be anchored to the cardboard tube with flexible collodion or by passing the wire through small holes. It is a good idea to paint these coils with flexible collodion. The primary coils fit over the secondary coils so that the top turn of the primary is even with the middle of the secondary winding. The r.f. choke coil, mentioned as optional, may be a commercial type or the builder may make it. The spool is turned from wood or fiber stock, $\frac{7}{8}$ in. in diameter; a groove is cut, $\frac{1}{8}$ in. wide and $\frac{3}{16}$ in. deep, for the winding. The winding consists of 500 turns of No. 36 single-silk enamel wire, jumble-wound.

Enlarged layout and wiring diagrams are available if desired.

When completed, the chassis is placed near the cabinet and the speaker plugged in for testing and balancing as shown in the upper photo on page 466.

A wooden spudger is used to adjust the trimmer condensers.

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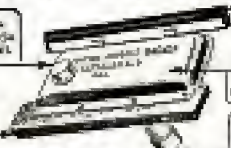
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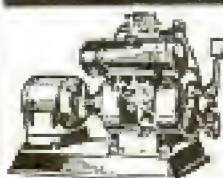


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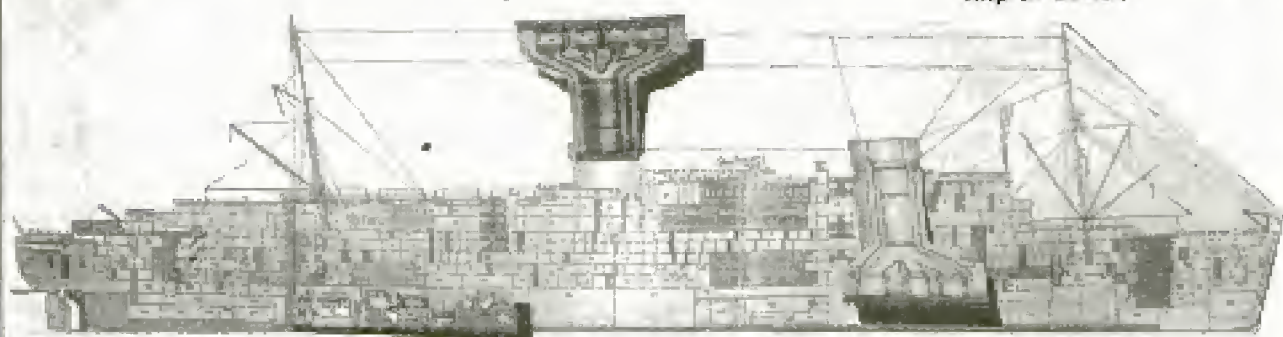
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Fig. 1 shows the simplified wiring diagram and Fig. 2 the schematic. All parts values are given, and further information is available if desired. If a 10-megohm resistor is not available, use two of 5-megohm resistors in series. The schematic diagram is given in Fig. 2. The metal container is 6 by 6 by 8 in. A wafer-type socket is mounted in the rear panel for the battery plug. The G-lead should be shielded in the cable or run out as a separate shielded lead directly from the transformer. Three 45-volt B-batteries and a 6-volt A-battery are required. The output is taken directly to the speech-amplifier input. Construction details for building an inexpensive speech amplifier, suitable for use with this condenser microphone, will appear in an early issue.

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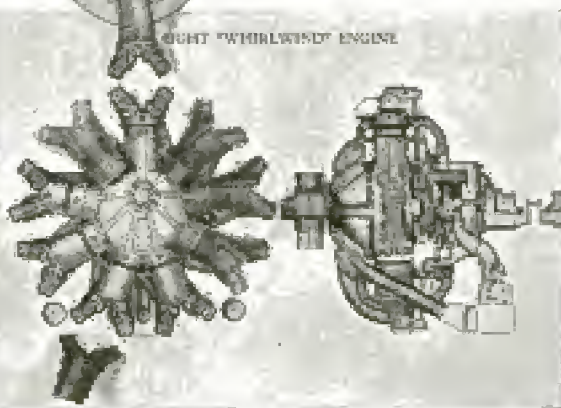


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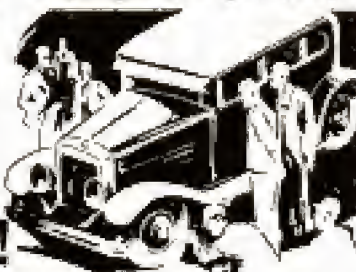
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UPHOLSTERING AT HOME

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screws that hold it in place. It is then a simple matter to take off the old cloth. A new top covering of cotton batting should be fitted in place; then the new cover can be fitted and tacked. In tacking the finishing cloth, the material should be pulled at the center of each side, and then worked to the corners, where the surplus cloth can be taken in in small pleats. The tacks should not be driven home until after the cloth has been perfectly stretched so that it is without wrinkles.

Modern overstuffed furniture can often be repaired by removing the under cover, as shown in Fig. 21. This will expose the springs and the webbing, either cloth or wooden slats, which hold the springs in place. The first break on this type of furniture is along the center row of springs. Working carefully, broken springs can be retied and the springs restored to their proper positions. Very often you will find that, while no strings are broken, the whole center has fallen back. This can be easily remedied by attaching a length of twine to the forward spring, as in Fig. 22, and pulling the whole line forward, tacking to the wood framework. Again, one or more springs may have broken loose from the staples which hold them to the wooden slats. In this case, it is simply a matter of resetting the springs and inserting new fastenings. Where the nature of the bottom does not allow this, the spring can be tied by drilling two or more holes through the wood and stringing a length of twine or wire through these to catch the coil (see Fig. 23).

Each upholstering job must be regarded as an individual piece of work. There are no set rules which can be applied to every piece. This article has shown the basic principles used in typical construction—simple upholstering which the average home craftsman can do successfully.

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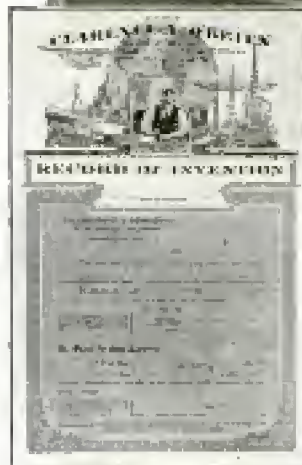
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HOMEMADE DIVING HELMET

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the gap between the collar and the frame should be wrapped with cotton string coated with white lead. A piece of flat iron can be bolted to the helmet at the top for fastening a life line, which should project below the helmet within easy reach of the diver. A hole is drilled through the lead ring at the base, to take a pipe nipple. This is fitted with an elbow, another short nipple and a union, as indicated, for attachment of the air hose. Non-kinking garden hose may be used. A 1/4-in. hole is drilled on the opposite side, through the base of the helmet, to allow the air to escape evenly. Both intake and exhaust openings are located at the bottom of the device, to assure a supply of air in case of breakage of pump or hose. The hose is tied to the handle with the free end of the life line, to take the strain off the couplings.

The operating crew above should consist of one man to handle line and hose, one to pump, and one for relief. The original helmet, shown in the photo, was used in Lake Michigan, at Evanston, Ill., to depths of 30 ft., but the novice would do well to practice in about 6 ft. of water, until he is familiar with the special circumstances of diving. At greater depths, breathing becomes more difficult and the water is usually colder. The outfit is entirely safe, for, in emergency, the helmet, ordinarily held up straight, can be tilted over and dropped from the head permitting the diver to rise to the surface. He should always descend and ascend slowly, as this puts the least strain on the respiratory system. Although the weight above water is considerable, this is greatly decreased when the helmet is submerged. The air pressure inside keeps out the water, so no seal is needed at the base.

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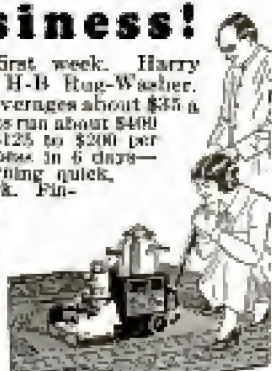
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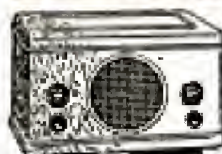
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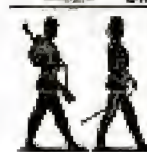
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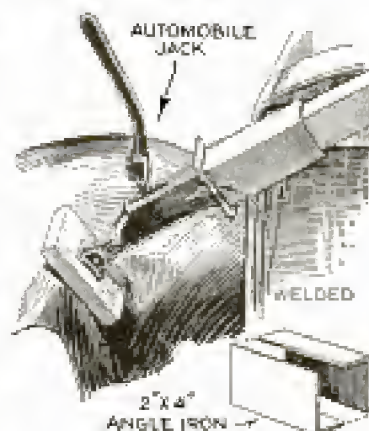
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to sufficient depth to house these pieces. Because of its slenderness, each finial should be turned separately. Dimensions are given in Fig. 4. Many of the old clocks had brass finials on them. These can be purchased if you wish to use them or are not equipped to turn them out of wood. Button feet are used on the bottom of the case to elevate it from the shelf. These may be turned up as shown in Fig. 7, sawed apart and tacked and glued into place, or they may be omitted. Two $\frac{5}{8}$ -in. hinges and a $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. knob of brass are required for the door.

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Gold and silverplated work may be polished with cloth buffers and jewelers' rouge. When the luster has been developed, the work may be cleaned with ordinary household ammonia, after which a last polishing with a dry felt buffer will produce the final finish.

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"There's been a shift in the coast guard, Cap,' apologized a broad-shouldered man in the stern. 'We gotta get the load through early.'

"His hand was extended showing against the palm half of an ace of hearts. He was permitted to mount the rail and four armed men were right behind him. Suddenly the leader pretended to lose his balance. The false card token slipped from his fingers, was caught by a breeze and fluttered to the tossing water. With mock concern he yelled to his men in the little boat to recover the card. Two other searchlights were turned on. Members of the crew ran to the side and looked down into the blackness trying to spot the lost token. Suddenly they heard a savage voice say:

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"There were nine men in the crew of the rum ship. They were herded into the cabin, bound hand and foot, and gagged. But the hijackers had to divide their force then in order to handle the liquor they proposed to steal. Consequently, some were in their own boat, some on the deck of the big one and some below deck when the holders of the legitimate token arrived. The men in this boat were unsuspecting of the other speed boat. They came alongside, clambered up the Jacob's ladder and the leader had his genuine half of the ace of hearts in his hand to surrender it, when a shot was fired. Then there was a real battle.

"Hijackers and runners were firing revolvers everytime a head showed. Men took cover behind windlasses, in companionways and on the bridge. Three men had been killed in the first exchange of shots. Two others knifed each other in a hand-to-hand scrap. The hijackers' boat had pulled away from the ship's side at the first sounds of trouble—and then a new force entered the fighting. One of the rumrunners made his way into the cabin and freed the captain. In short order, all of the crew were free and came rushing on deck carrying rifles. Quickly they gained the upper hand and made prisoners of all the visitors, rumrunners and hijackers alike. Both speed boats van-

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ished, the skipper, raging mad, dumped the dead overboard and loaded the survivors of both groups into a lifeboat and set them adrift. With a couple of pairs of oars they finally made shore only to be arrested. None would explain what had happened to the injured men, and after a few days, since no charges could be placed against any of them, the two groups were released."

For a long time small gangs of hijackers preyed on the small boats engaged in running liquor ashore. This kind of fighting still continues on both coasts. It was the hazard of hijackers quite as much as the menace of coast-guard patrols that impelled the liquor runners to acquire the speediest boats that money would buy.

"We had three Liberty motors in our forty-foot boat," one of these men confided lately. "She cost \$25,000. Nothing could touch us, and so the hijackers tried to put over a fast one. They must have stowed away when the boat was in the yard to be tuned up before each run.

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It was matters like these that finally resulted in the organization of the big liquor ring that absorbs the cargoes of the rum fleet that lies off Long Island and New Jersey nowadays. Eleven gangs merged under this arrangement into one gigantic syndicate. As a consequence hijacking practically lost its former temptation. For one thing, hijackers were hunted down relentlessly, and it became next to impossible to sell liquor stolen from the syndicate without detection. Even the speed boats that bring the stuff ashore around New York, in recent times, have been immune to all but Uncle Sam's men.

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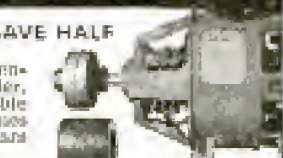
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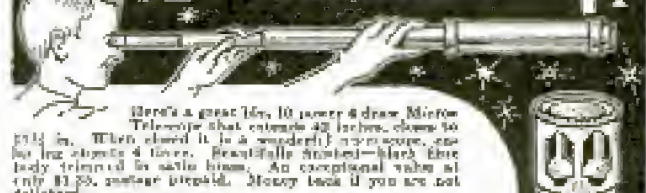
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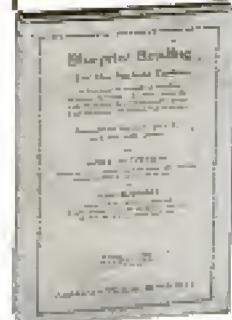
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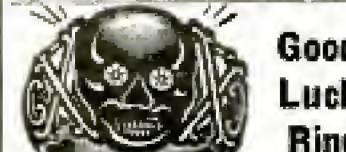
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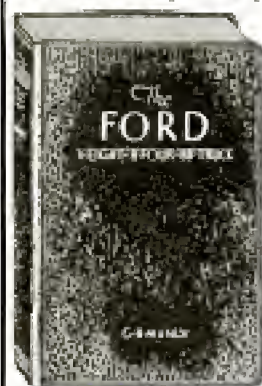
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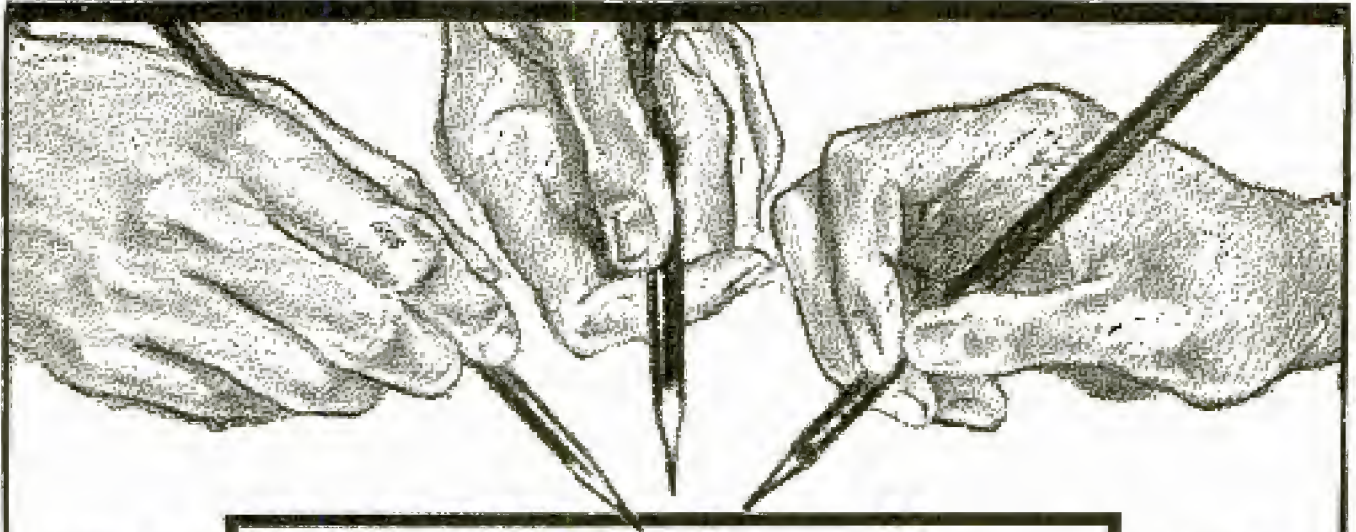
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Suddenly the six-ton hull of the British boat skidded and leaped into the air, its sharp bow pointing skyward. The bodies of Don and his mechanics were seen hurtling through the air as "Miss England" sank from sight. Gar Wood was disqualified for beating the gun at the start and "Miss America VIII," another of Gar's boats driven by his brother, continued on to win at an average speed of less than sixty miles per hour.

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groups have been experimenting with steel homes in one form or another.

Without a doubt, the frame of the home of the future will be of metal, although not necessarily of steel. It will be rust-proof and light in weight, whether it is stainless steel, aluminum or some other metal. The walls will be about three inches thick instead of from twelve to eighteen inches. The outer walls may be of colored enameled metal made in sections that clip to the frame. Inner walls will be attached to metal lath and may be of enameled metal, plasterboard or precast plaster. Insulation between the walls will be as effective as an eighteen-inch brick wall.

Floor and roof supports may well consist of steel-trussed joists. The roof will be of rustproof metal sheeting underlaid with an inch-thick layer of insulation. The rough flooring may consist of sheet steel with interlocking channels.

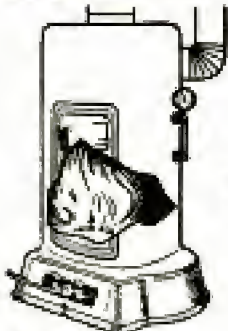
Windows will be more to see out of than to admit light. Illumination will be by neon tubing or ultraviolet tubing emitting therapeutic rays and these will be concealed in walls and ceilings.

Buildings such as this can be constructed today for about thirty cents per cubic foot of space, exclusive of accessories and home appliances. This is in contrast to forty-five or fifty cents, and sometimes more, for the small home built of materials and by methods now used.

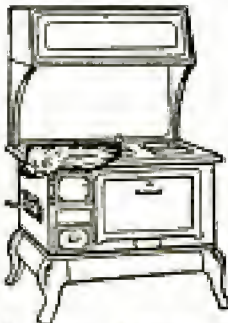
The lumber industry is awakening to the need for a revision of building methods and practices, and already is turning out homes cut to shape at the factory.

By far the most important result of this change in building methods is that it will enable hundreds of thousands of families who are renters today to become home owners tomorrow. Harvey Wiley Corbett, chief architect of the Chicago fair, visions a country dotted with small houses, sold ready-made, like suits of clothes, for nomadic America. "An American family," he asserts, "wants three things—a house to live in, a car to drive in, and a garage for the car. Ninety-nine out of a hundred Americans would rather have a three-room house and a six or eight-cylinder car, than an eight-room house and no automobile."

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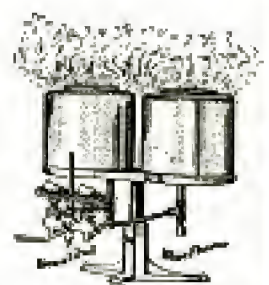
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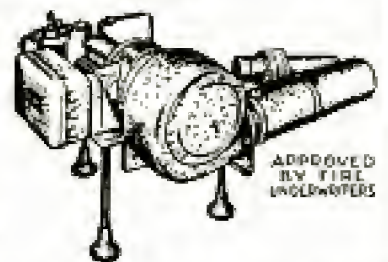
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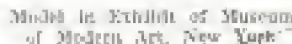
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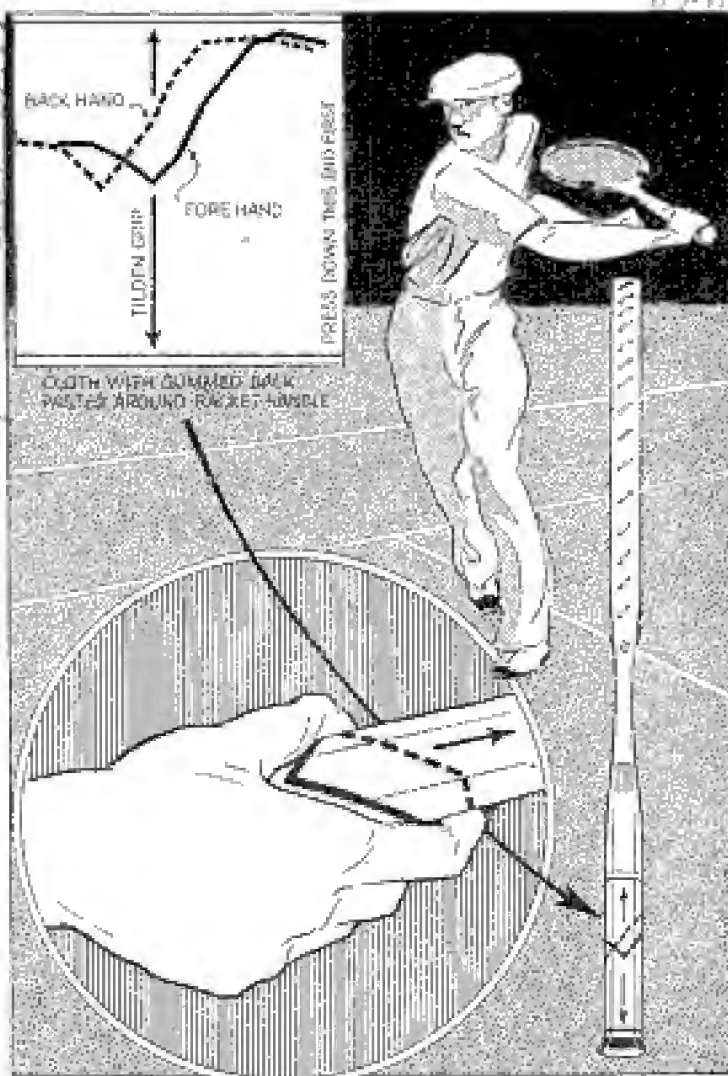
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SOAP BUBBLES TEST STRENGTH OF BIG STEEL BEAMS

When engineers at the University of Michigan want to find out whether the steel beams of a bridge will carry the load expected to flow over it, they ask a soap bubble. These bubbles reveal the strength of the beams so accurately that they are being used in a mathematical formula to picture the stress in metal parts of complicated shapes. The procedure is explained by Dr. P. Allerton Cushman, of the college of engineering, who says that by mapping the contour of a flimsy soap film over the cut-out model of a cross section of a machine or skyscraper beam, engineers can determine quickly just how much twisting or bending stress will affect the original of the model. The apparatus that records these findings is surprisingly simple. Halfway down in a square box, a brass sheet is sealed with a portion of the metal cut out in copy of the cross section of the article to be tested. Topping the box is a glass plate, inset with a depth gauge. A film of soap solution is drawn across the cut-out design, and water is forced into the lower part of the box, causing the confined air beneath the plate to push up the film, and with the depth gauge the varying level of the film is measured from the glass top. Many readings are taken, curves are plotted between points, and a contour map results, which locates stress points easily interpreted by the designer of metal work.



Marked Tape Showing Where the Fingers Should Be Held Is Pasted on Tennis Racket to Teach Correct Grip

HAND GUIDE ON TENNIS RACKET TEACHES CORRECT GRIP

Designed to teach tennis players the correct grip for fundamental strokes, an adhesive tape, carrying guide lines for the hand, is available. The guide is placed on the handle of the racket. Lines on the tape show the player where and how to place his fingers to hold the racket correctly in making forehand and backhand drives. Three types are offered, the Tilden, the Continental and the Western.

POWDER LOOKS LIKE GRASS

By sprinkling green-colored sweeping powder over the public parking lot, the owner gave the grounds a grasslike and more inviting appearance. The powder also keeps down the dust and is an improvement over the usual cinder covering.

COAL DUST AND OIL DRIVE SHIP IN TEST OF FUEL MIXTURE

On a recent test run, a mixture of coal dust and fuel oil was used in the engines of an ocean liner. The coal is pulverized so finely that it passes freely with the crude oil through the nozzles of fire jets under the boilers. The combination used on the test voyage is such that thirty to forty per cent of the pulverized coal will remain suspended in the oil for months.

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DYNAMITE BLASTS TRENCH FOR PIPE LINE IN RIVER

Digging a trench for pipe lines on the bottom of rivers has been made less dangerous by laying and discharging a dynamite cable. Bundles of dynamite are attached to the cable, end to end, and small bowlders at intervals help hold the cable on the river bed. When the explosive is in place, the charge is shot, throwing thousands of tons of water, dirt and rocks into the air. A trench large enough for the pipe line is the result.

RUBBER PAVING ON HIGHWAYS APPLIED LIKE ASPHALT

Rubber paving that can be applied like asphalt is promised in experiments with latex at Singapore and in investigations in America. Another use for latex, the milk of the rubber tree, is in compositions for covering athletic grounds and for filling expansion joints. Latex is invading many industries, its uses extending to music, radio, photography, motion pictures, aviation and automobiles. Rubber-impregnated wood for violin manufacture is the result of treatment with latex, while the

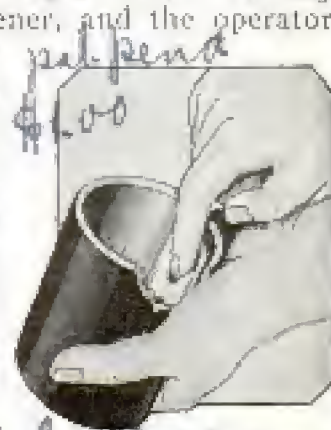
raw rubber is used in medical manufacture as an anatomical injection fluid. Bookbinding with latex is feasible, while it may even be of service as a lubricant when mixed with petroleum. The helium of the United States' newest dirigible the "Akron," is retained by fabrics of very low permeability, in the preparation of which latex entered. One of the largest uses for latex is in the manufacture of adhesives, sealing compounds and cements. In the automobile world, sponge-rubber



seats in certain English cars are made of latex, as also is the rubber base for the mohair upholstery in some autos.

RAZOR BLADES LAST LONGER WITH CYLINDER SHARPENER

Used safety razor blades can be sharpened quickly by rubbing them on the inside of a cylinder now available. The blade is placed with its edges on the curving wall of the sharpener, and the operator places his finger at the center of the blade. By twisting or rubbing halfway around four or five times, one edge of the blade is sharpened. Then the blade is turned over and the other edge sharpened in the same way.



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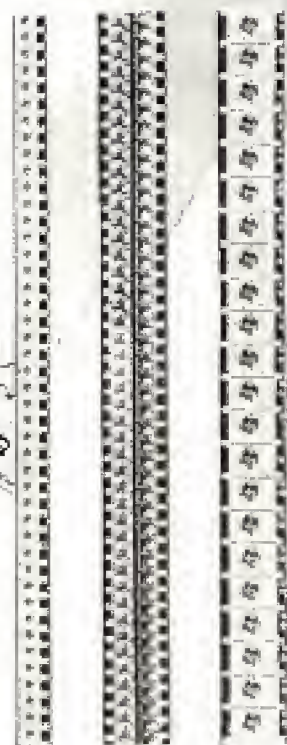
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Inexpensive Movie Camera Which Carries Twenty-Five Feet of Film and Exposes Only Half the Width at a Time

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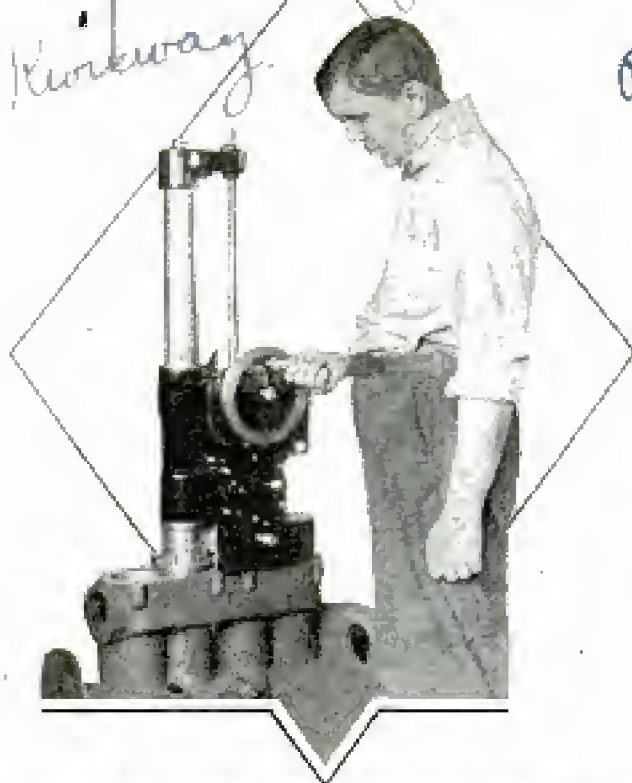
Above, This Twenty-Five-Foot Spool Equals 100 Feet of Conventional Film; Left, Comparison of Standard Film with New Film of Half the Width, before and after Splitting and Splicing

val. To insure clear reproduction, an extremely fine-grained panchromatic emulsion is used on this new film, permitting sufficient magnification without visible grainy structure. A black coating on the back of the film reduces halation. The initial price of the film will include processing, splitting and splicing. The camera itself is remarkably compact and simple in operation. It is fitted with an $f:3.5$ lens, with focusing frame fitted in the handle. The mechanism is virtually foolproof.

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PORTABLE CYLINDER-BORER TIP MORE COSTLY THAN GOLD

Tipped with a material almost as hard as a diamond and costing thirteen times as much as gold, a portable boring machine for automobile-engine cylinders has been introduced. The boring tip does not heat the cylinder walls at highest speed, resulting in so nearly perfect work that inaccuracies do not exceed one or two ten-thousandths of an inch. Powered by a quarter-horsepower motor, the machine operates at high or low speed. It weighs less than 150 pounds. A measuring and lapping device is included with the machine. The lapping disk is made of treated iron impregnated with diamond dust on which the cutting tip can be sharpened.

INVISIBLE COATING FOR SILVER PREVENTS DISCOLORATION

To protect silver and other metals from discoloration, and, in a measure, also from scratches, a German chemist has invented a coating which adheres so firmly that even a sudden change in temperature causes no breaking or peeling. The composition is invisible and heat-resistant and can safely be used for household silver.

DIVERS' DRILL AND RESCUE TANK FOR SALVAGE OPERATIONS

To speed up the rescue of crews of sunken submarines and the salvaging of wrecked ships, a Chicago inventor has designed two units for deep-sea work—one a divers' drill shaped like a torpedo, the other a releasing tank to enable removal of a submarine crew. The drill rig is held in suspension by a cable from the mother ship and contains an electric motor to drive the propeller, air pump and drill shaft. It is fitted with spring-steel skids on which two divers are supported when the rig is descending, and has tools, lights, phones, metal-cutting equipment, torches, air and oxygen tanks and hand lights. Magnet pads on the skids grip the hull of a boat, and the cruising radius of the rig depends on the depth at which it is held in suspension. A drill chuck that can be adjusted to any angle is mounted on a shaft running through the torpedo-shaped body. The propeller, air pump and drill can all be driven by the same motor simultaneously or separately. This rig is intended particularly for salvage work and for quickly supplying air and food to the crew of a sunken sub. The releasing tank can be lowered to a sunken vessel by means of stabilizing weights and attached to the sub with a connection which fits any angle. From inside the tank, a diver then cuts an opening into the boat and the imprisoned crew escape, one at a time, to the tank. Here each man dons a diving suit and is raised to the surface.

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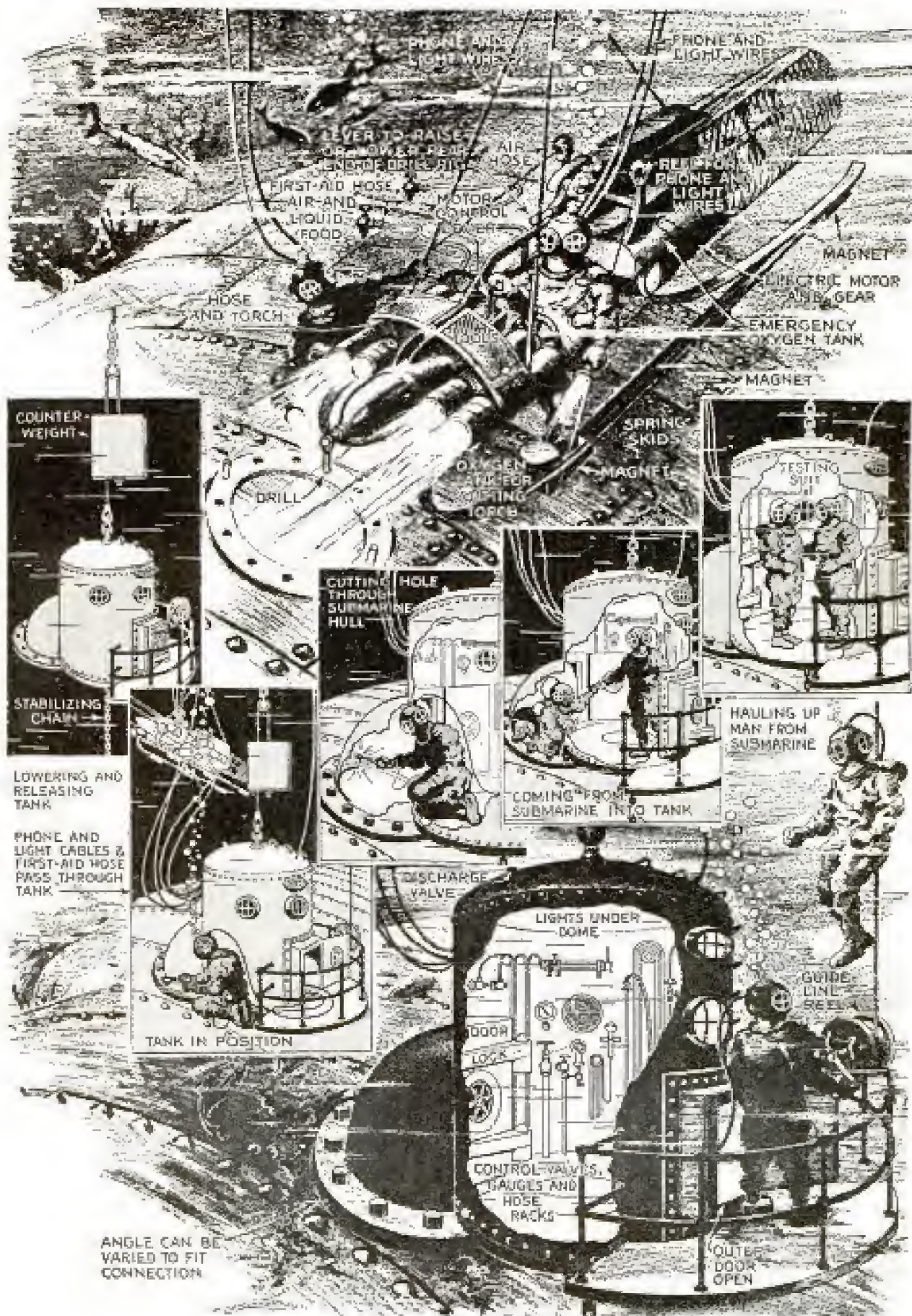
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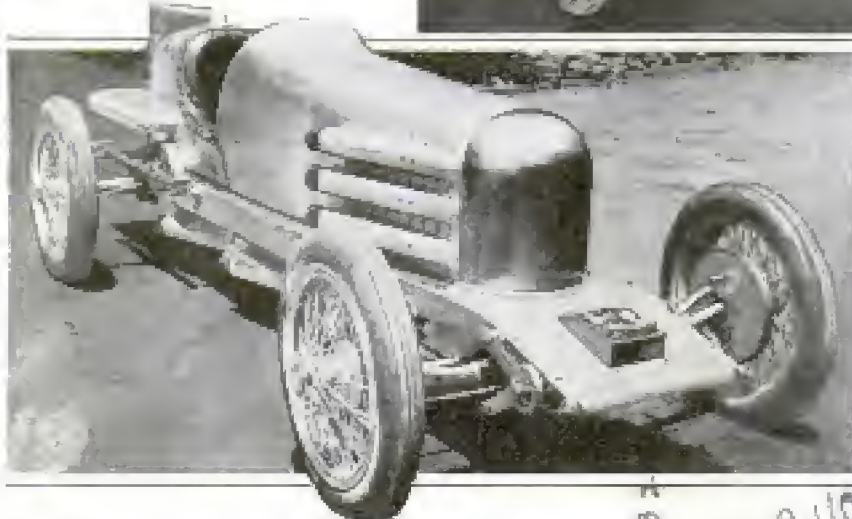
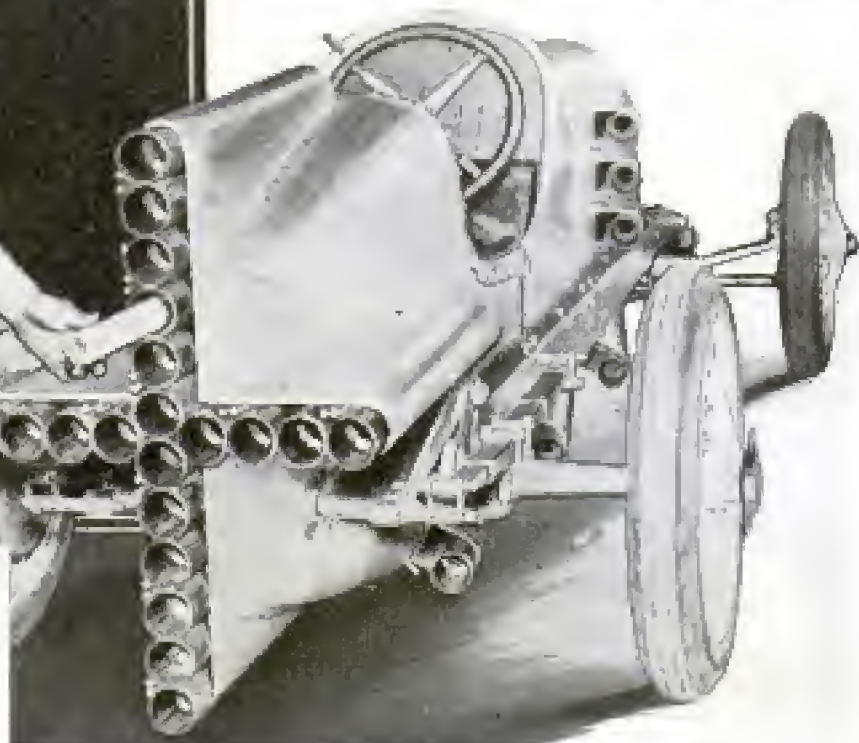
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Latest Rocket Car Uses Power in Steering

scarcely practical for racing because of the smoke and sparks from the discharging explosives, Haugdahl's car theoretically could compete with gasoline-powered speedsters even on circular tracks. In appearance, the rocket car differs but



Sig Haugdahl, Veteran Race Driver, with His Rocket-Powered Race Car; the Rocket Tubes Are Located along the Sides and below the Body and May Be Discharged Independently



little from the familiar type of racer. It is 144 inches in over-all length and weighs 1,650 pounds. The thirty-two rocket tubes are wired in such a way that they may be discharged singly, in pairs, from either side or simultaneously.

BATHTUB INJURIES ARE FEW

Using explosive power to increase maneuverability as well as for propulsion, a rocket car, designed and driven by Sig Haugdahl, veteran of the dirt tracks, has made its appearance in exhibition runs on mid-western race courses. The car differs from previous rocket cars principally in that, through controlled discharge, the rockets may be utilized to aid conventional steering, especially on turns. Although injuries from falling in the bathtub are relatively few. Out of 2,317 falls in the home, only nineteen occurred in bathtubs, insurance statistics show. Slippery floors, unsafe stairs, skidding rugs and shaky ladders are the most hazardous things in the home. Burns cause over one-fourth of home injuries, while the remainder are due to cuts and wounds from edge tools and to bites of cats and dogs.

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This Chinese Theater Puts Program and Actors' Names in Lights; Sign Also Serves as Advertisement

THEATER'S PROGRAM IN LIGHTS ALSO SERVES AS AD

Serving as an advertisement and also as a program, an electrically lighted sign on the roof is used by "Tien Sern," a theater in Foochow road, Shanghai, China. The sign contains the name of the theater, the title of the play that is being produced, and the names of the actors.

ROLLER GEAR HELPS STEERING OF LOW-PRESSURE TIRES

With the arrival of low-pressure, or super-balloon, tires, automotive engineers have been faced with as many steering problems as when balloons superseded the high-pressure tires. One concern has met this situation by making an improved steering gear especially for light models using the big tires. Easier steering is afforded by using flexible steel rollers of small diameter extending virtually the entire length of the cross shaft. These take the place of bronze journal bushings, lessening the physical effort required to steer the low-pressure tires.

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One Man Vs.

Gar Wood, Right, Holder
of the Harmsworth Tro-
phy for the Past Twelve
Years, and His Mechanic,
Orlin Johnson, in "Miss
America IV"



Courtesy Detroit Mirror

By HENRY C. FOSTER

ONE man against an empire! Imagine contending single-handed against a nation of millions and winning! Yet that is what has happened in the struggle for the world's speed crown on the water. The man is Gar Wood of Detroit. The nation is the mighty British empire, where the government is actively assisting British sportsmen to gain and keep supremacy of air, land and water.

This is in line with the age-old British policy of maintaining leadership in the avenues by which the isles and the far-flung empire may be invaded by foreign foes. In all these aspects of British policy, the major factor has been creation of more powerful engines in proportion to their size and weight. At the cost of more than \$5,000,000 such motors have been developed by government engineers, and with them British sportsmen have won all three motor-speed championships. They

the British Empire

have kept firm hold on their lead on land and in air, and not content to hold the records, they have raised them amazingly.

But on the water the situation is decidedly different. One man, almost single-handed, thwarts imperial England. Three times he has been defeated in speed trials, and three times he has snatched back the crown. Despite the fact that he receives absolutely no support from his own government and is practically unaided by anyone save a little band of a half dozen loyal retainers, Gar Wood—for the time at least—again wears the speed crown coveted by an empire.



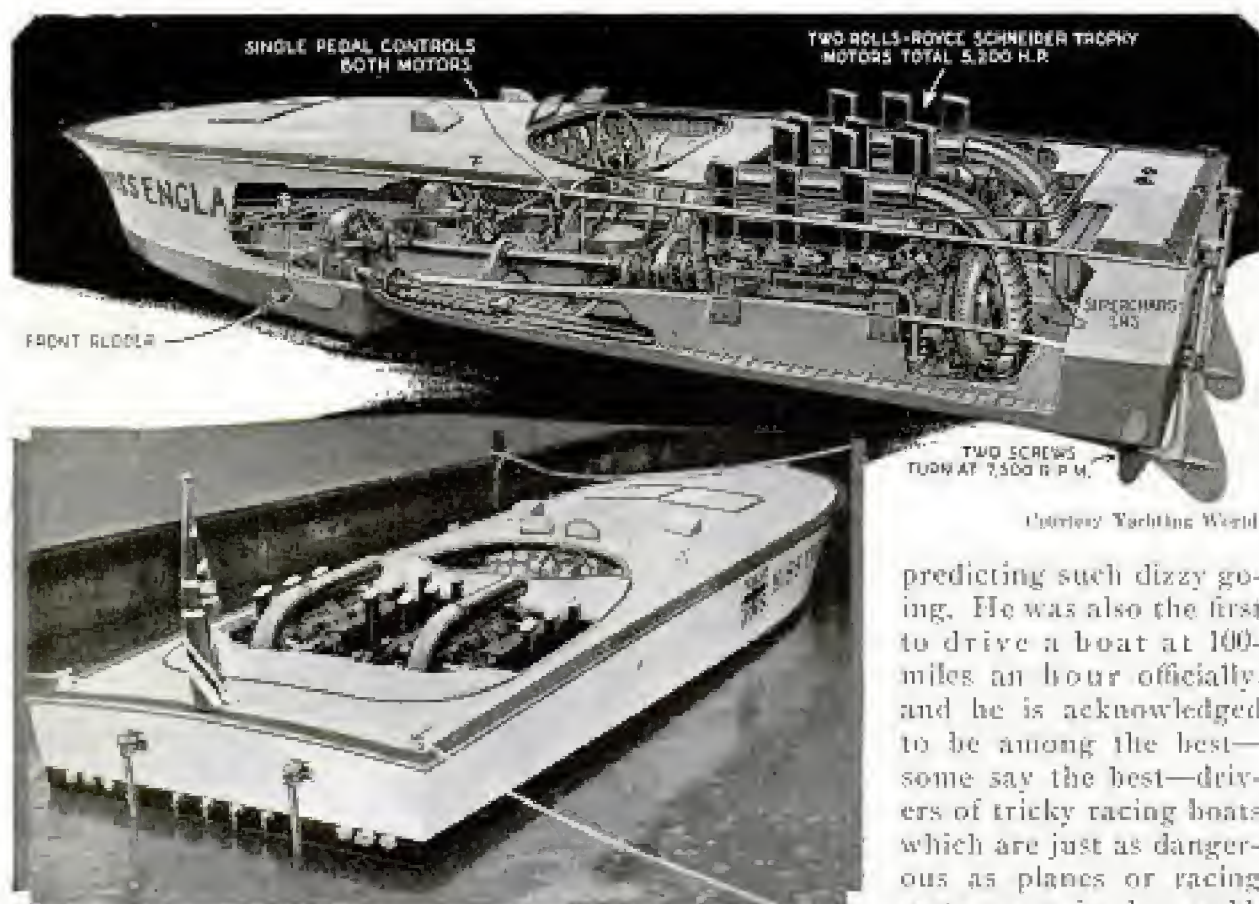
Kaye Don, British Challenger for Trophy, and His Last Year's Craft, "Miss England II"



On Labor Day week-end, Sept. 3 and 4, Wood will again defend the British International (or Harmsworth) trophy, held by him since 1920, emblematic of the world's championship in unlimited power. The contest of this lone American sportsman

against the combined technical genius and financial resources of imperial England, has brought the annual defense of the trophy into the forefront of world events.

The life of Gar Wood is replete with romance and drama. As the son of a fer-



Courtesy Yachting World

Diagram and Photo of "Miss England III." This Year's Challenger; Its Top Speed Is Estimated at 130 Miles an Hour

ryboat captain on a lake in Minnesota, young Garfield Arthur Wood served as crew, until, at thirteen years of age, he got a job operating the first internal-combustion motorboat in Duluth, because nobody else could make it run.

Twenty-one years ago, he was a mechanic in a St. Paul garage. There he conceived the idea of a hoist for dumping loads from trucks, the hoist to be driven by the truck motor on the hydraulic principle. He made one and sold it for \$200, and has been making them and selling them ever since. Gar Wood is a student of naval architecture, of gas engines, an enthusiastic amateur astronomer with a private observatory in a Moorish tower of his Florida home. Gar loves cruising as well as racing, flying (he owns a Dornier cabin plane and flies it himself), big-game hunting and deep-sea fishing.

Wood's boat was a power dinghy which he managed to give a maximum speed of 130 miles an hour—when that was fast time. He was the first man to drive a boat at mile-a-minute speed, and he remembers when he was hooted for

predicting such dizzy going. He was also the first to drive a boat at 100-miles an hour officially, and he is acknowledged to be among the best—some say the best—drivers of tricky racing boats which are just as dangerous as planes or racing motor cars, in the world. And this at fifty-one years of age.

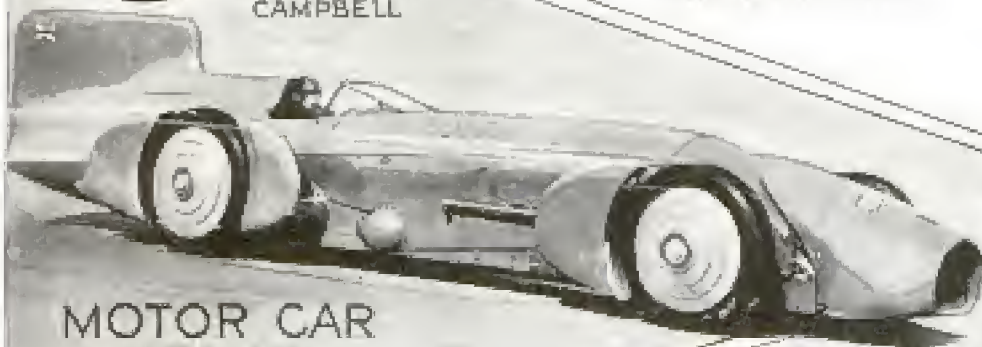
Helmholtz, inventor of optical instruments and renowned physicist, proved that the average speed at which a nervous message is carried to and from the brain is about 108.4 feet per second. In his "Miss America IX," which he drove at 110.785 miles an hour to regain the speed championship, Gar Wood was going over the water at 161.33 feet per second—almost half again as fast as the human nervous system acts! And on one occasion, in narrow Indian Creek, Fla., the veteran drove "Miss America IX" over the measured mile nine consecutive times at more than 100 miles an hour—without the slightest error of eye, nerve or judgment.

In his struggle with Great Britain in September, he must meet the redoubtable Kaye Don, who is only thirty-eight years of age, with long experience as a driver of racing motor cars, and who has three times driven "Miss England II" to beat him in the rivalry between the nation and the man. Gar Wood is handicapped for powerful engines in his back-to-the-wall defense of his speed crown and the trophy this autumn. Packard aviation motors of

Britain's Four World's Speed Records



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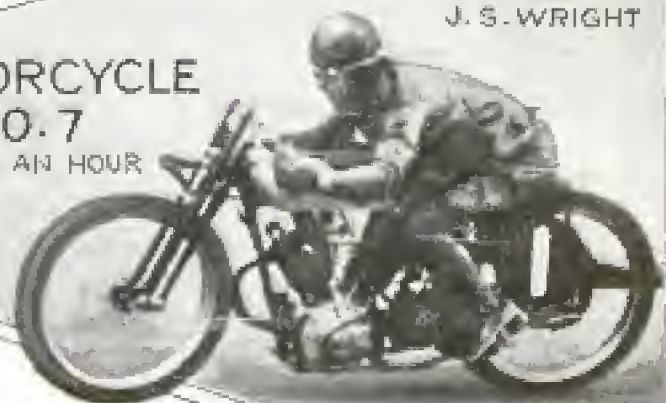


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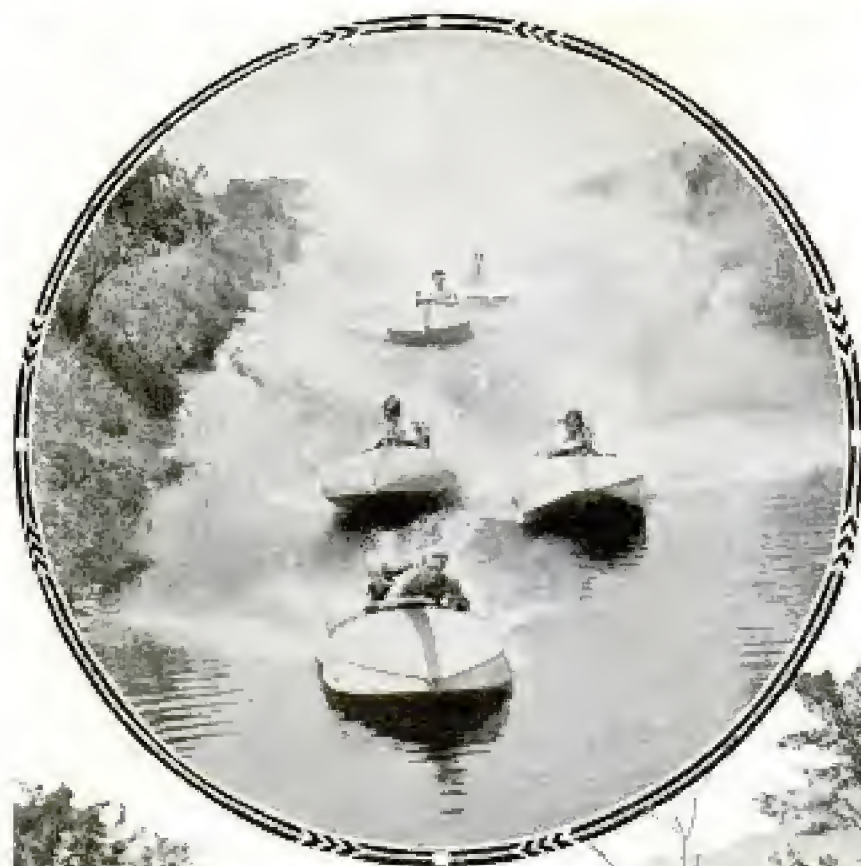
MOTORCYCLE
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RAILWAY
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MILES AN HOUR

(THE CHELTENHAM FLYER)





Above, Steeple-Chase Water Race in Which Outboard Drivers Are Navigating a Shallow Creek; Below, Taking a Canvas Hurdle at Full Speed in an Obstacle Race for Small Craft

850 horsepower are the biggest he can get in this country. His various "Miss Americas," since "Miss America V," have been powered with two of these. He has speeded them up, raised their compression ratio, and now he has supercharged them, until it is said they produce about 1,600 horsepower.

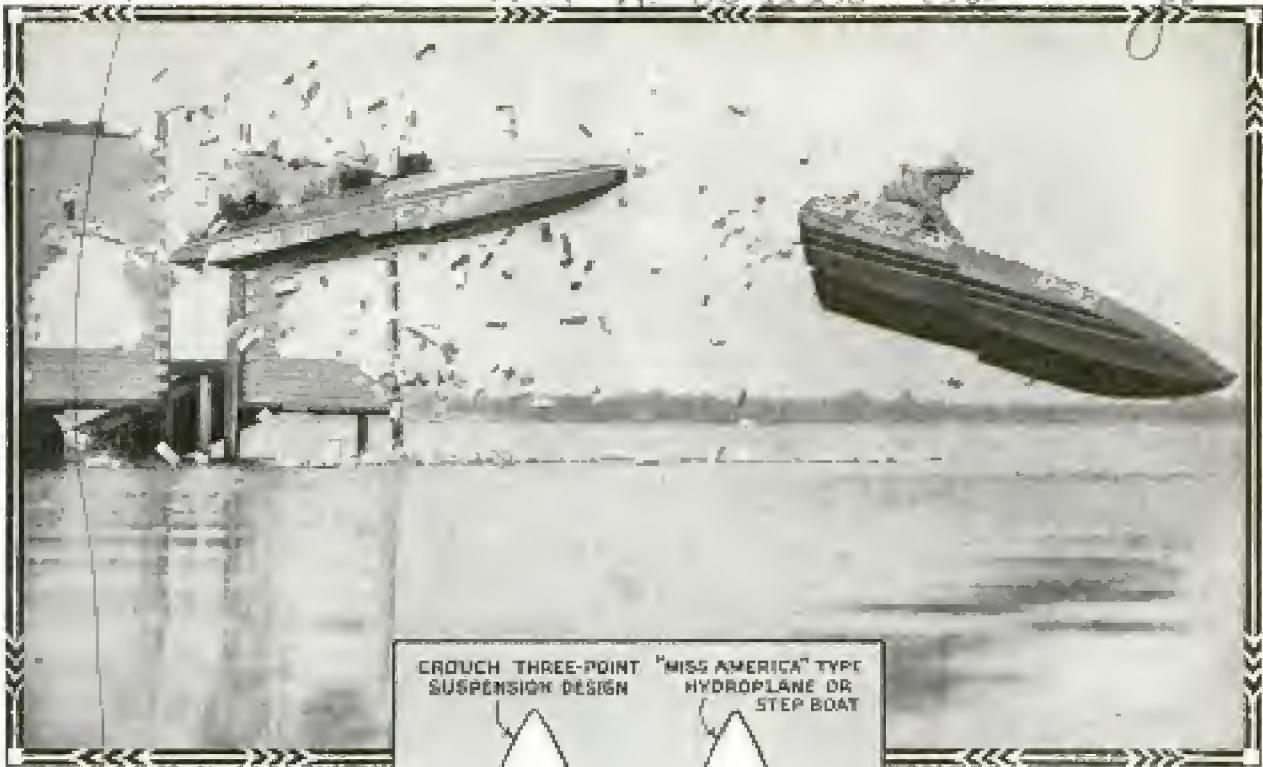
With a total of 3,200 horsepower, he must race against a boat powered by twin motors which were rated in the Schneider Cup aviation races at 2,600 horsepower each—a total of 5,200 and a difference of

2,000. But—and it is a big word this time—naval architecture, while an old art, is a new science. To design, build and power a successful 100-mile-an-hour boat, or even a fifty-mile boat, is a task of which few engineers are capable.

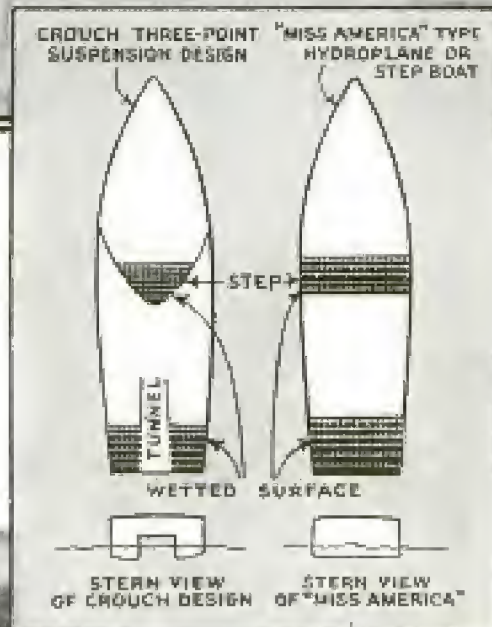
Fine balances of weight disposition, finely drawn underbody lines, position of rudders, propellers, of tanks, and scores of oth-

er interrelated factors all combine to make up the fast, slow, dangerous or safe boat. And those of the veteran Gar Wood are all fast and remarkably safe. The winner must be not only fast enough to run away from the rival, but it must be steady enough in speed and on turns to keep right side up throughout the grueling sixty nautical miles.

Here is Gar Wood's superiority—in design. Although he has never towed a model in a test tank, his boats are remarkable for their scientific accuracy. Where-



Top, Two Outboard Drivers Crashing through Brick Walls after Climbing an Inclined Plane; Below, Steeple Chasers Clearing the Wall-of-Fire Hazard; Right, Three-Point Suspension Design Compared with Original "Step" Boat; Note Reduction of Wetted Surface in Former



copied Gar Wood's lines as closely as they could in most cases. The task of making a boat go fast is to lift it as far out of the water as possible, leaving as little of its underbody in contact with the water as can be. The job is to reduce what is called "the wetted surface," which is the part of the underbody on which the boat actually rides. The steps in a boat's bottom are for this purpose, to take away as much of that surface as possible. Gar Wood says: "The secret of speed on the water—besides ample power—is to design a boat that will sneak over the surface without any more disturbance to the water than necessary." In his latest creation, it is said he has reduced this wetted surface to six square feet.

as most naval architects, including the British, are driven to elaborate tests of models in such tanks where all resistances are measured, Gar Wood has developed his boats one from the other—by building actual boats. A veteran of experience against scientific theory.

In underbody design the British have

By reducing resistance instead of increasing power, Dr. Oskar G. Tietjens, of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufac-

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COLORED WRAPPERS FOR FOOD PREVENT SPOILAGE

Placing Food in Protective Colored Covering of Cellophane That Prevents Spoilage



Color has been found to have a practical as well as an aesthetic value in wrapping foodstuffs to be stored for some time. Most colors permit the passage of rays of light which promote spoilage, but grass-green and black shut out these rays. The effect of light on the deterioration of oil-bearing foods has been demonstrated by placing two samples of food side by side, one in a glass bottle exposed to light and the other in a dark bottle. Meal so tested was found still fresh in the black bottle after a year, while that in the unprotected bottle was spoiled. Butter was also tested with like results, and the same effect was obtained from cellophane wrappers of various hues, the grass-green and black containers preserving the contents better than other colors.

"RING" OF METAL AIDS SEARCH FOR BETTER ALLOYS

Delicate instruments that accurately measure the properties of metals by the "ring," set up when a metal is struck or dropped, are aiding scientists in their search for new and improved alloys. It long has been known that a genuine coin

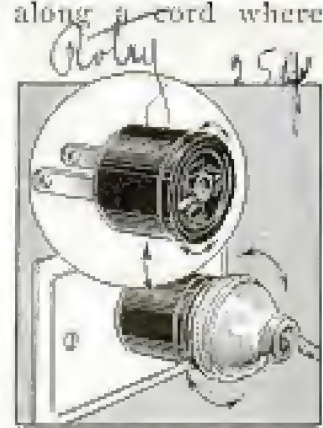
can be detected from a counterfeit by dropping the two on a table and listening to the ring. This has been carried a step farther by the instruments that reveal hidden properties or impurities in a bar of metal. In addition, it now is possible to study the internal mysteries of metals through devices that measure the loss of magnetic properties while a metal is subjected to strain. In the cold-rolling of sheet metal this characteristic is particularly well revealed by the test.

ELECTRIC BRAKES ON TRAILERS AID TO QUICK STOPPING

Electric brakes have been installed and successfully used on trailers. Exceedingly rapid in action, the brakes are adapted especially to trailer trains on account of the ease with which the electric-cable connection between tractor and trailers can be made. A slight pressure on the brake pedal of the tractor or truck immediately sends an electric current to energize a magnet which automatically sets the brakes of all the trailers. While the electric brake was produced several years ago, its latest use has resulted in the manufacture of a lighter but more rugged type with an unusually large lining area.

ROTATING PLUG STOPS KINKING OF ELECTRIC CORDS

Twisting and kinking of electric cords are prevented by a rotary contact which can be used in a wall receptacle or at any intermediate point along a cord where there is provision for a connection. It is adaptable to all standard straight-type contacts. The rotary part of the connector turns in the outer covering and is so shaped that a connection can be made merely by pressing against the rotary contact with the prongs, since it automatically lines itself. This enables the user to make an immediate contact in a dark place without difficulty.



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Modern Flying Carpet Visits City of Bagdad



Bringing Tales of Arabian Nights Up to Date, Two Americans Are Shown in Their Plane over Bagdad, the Magic City; Note Kadaimain Mosque in Square Where Only Moslems May Enter

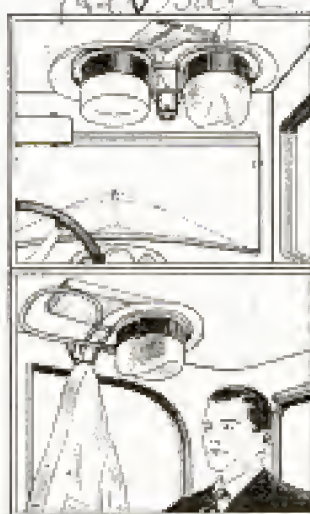
On their 50,000-mile trip around the world, two Americans, Richard Halliburton and Moye Stephens brought the tales of "Arabian Nights" up to date by passing over Bagdad in their airplane, the modern flying carpet. In the center of the "Magic City" is the Kadaimain mosque into which none but Moslem worshipers have ever set foot.

LIGHT TUNES PLANE'S MOTORS TO STOP VIBRATION

Bars of light are used to tune or synchronize the engines of multi-motored aircraft, eliminating that "whoop-whoop-whoop," so disturbing to passengers and so expensive to air lines because of deterioration by vibration. It had been almost impossible to synchronize the motors until a chief pilot noticed that across the disk formed by each whirling propeller there was a bar of light, and that these bars were at different angles. By speeding up or slowing down each engine, he found that the light bars moved with varying speed. When the speed of each motor was such that the light bars were parallel, all the engines were running at the same speed and the

annoying sound was gone. An arrangement of mirrors now shows the pilot how to put his engines in tune.

HANDY RACK FOR DRIVER'S HAT FASTENS IN TOP OF AUTO



Attached to the inside top of the automobile, a handy rack holds the driver's hat, coat, gloves and newspapers. A clamping device keeps road maps in sight. The hat holder can be fastened to the front or side of the car, or may be installed in the unused space on the inside of closet doors. The frame is made of plated, lacquered and rustproof wire.

As many as 3,000 radio receiving sets may now be operated on the same antenna without interfering with each other.

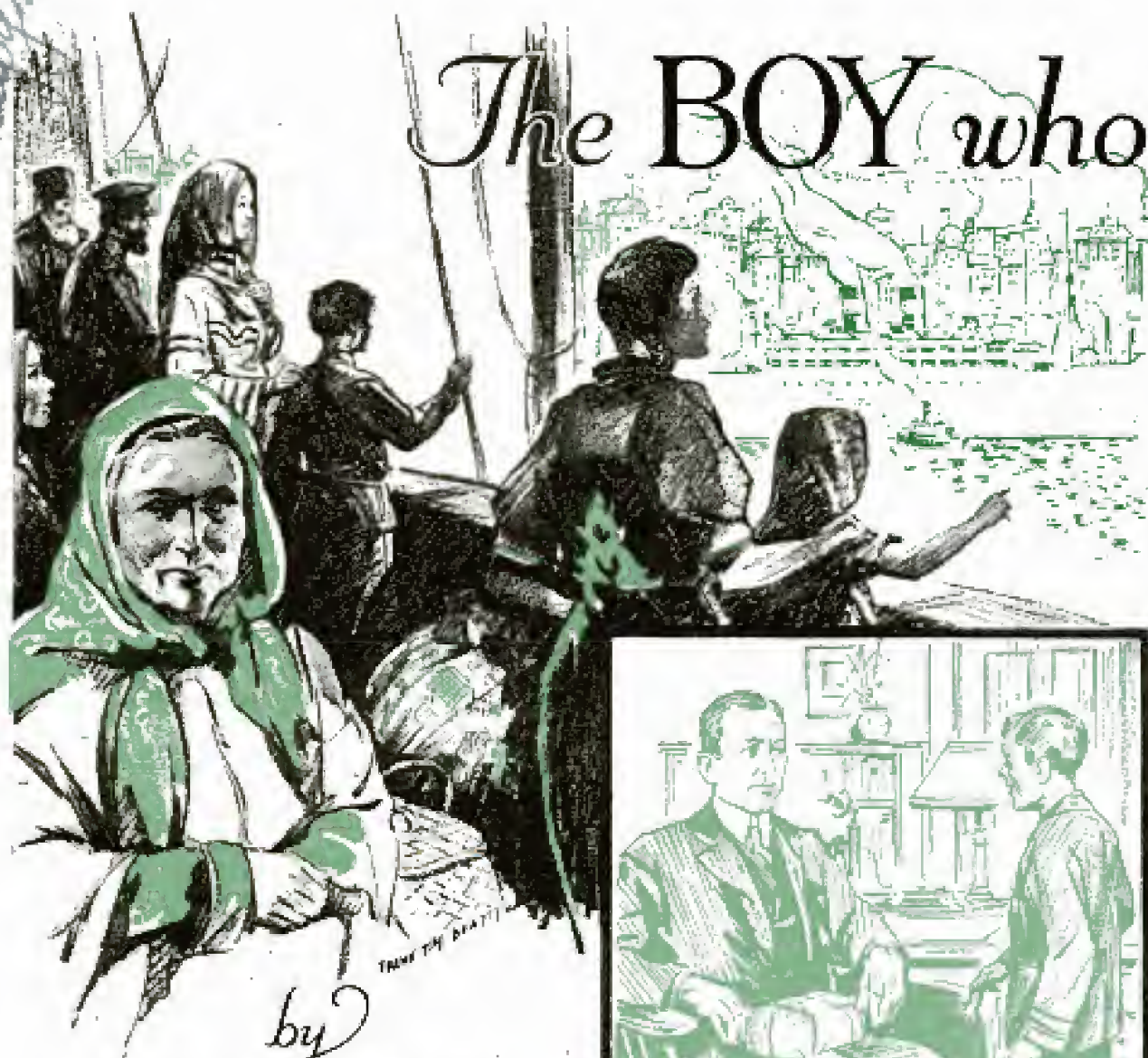
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The BOY who



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THE great man pushed a button on his desk and asked his secretary to send in one of the office boys.

A sturdy, bright-eyed, eager lad of sixteen, born in a little village in central Russia but living in New York since he was nine, entered with his cap in his hand. He had often seen the great man pass in and out of the Marconi offices, and he had worshipped him from afar, but this was the first time he had been alone with him.

In a gentle voice the great man directed the boy to take a package to his hotel. And then he asked him how long he had been working for the Marconi company, and whether he was really interested in wireless—as radio was called a quarter of a century ago.



"I'm studying nights to learn how to be an operator, sir," the Russian-American boy answered.

"That's good—you'll make it all right," the great Marconi answered encouragingly.

The boy did make it all right. Today he is the president of the Radio Corporation of America and head of half a dozen other subsidiary companies, and the great Marconi is his intimate friend whom he visits each year. The boy's name was David

GREW UP *with* RADIO



Sarnoff. To me his life reads like an exciting adventure—a study in action and character development that could come true only once in this fantastic age and in this fantastic country of ours. David Sarnoff's father was a poor and struggling little merchant in the farming village of Uzlian, Minsk, in the center of European Russia. He had a wife and three children; and work and save as he might, he couldn't get ahead. Four or five thousand miles away was the magic land of America. There he was sure the good life would open for him. Finally he could

resist the call no longer, and he sold his little stock of goods, and in third class and steerage made his way to New York City. But it took six years of hard work and desperate saving to get enough money together to bring over his family, even by the cheapest passage.

David, the oldest, was nine years old when they arrived in New York in the summer of 1900. The father had prepared a tiny flat on the east side, but there was so little money that almost from the day



he arrived David had to go to work. His first job was selling newspapers, and all during his boyhood he'd be up at four o'clock in the morning and often would work after school until midnight.

The streets of New York, and the endless flow of human beings that he sharpened his wits on, were his university courses. Eventually he finished in a New York City public school, and then he went to work full time as a Marconi messenger boy. At night he studied telegraphy on a little instrument he bought to practice on at home. When he was sixteen he was made a junior operator, and then, the next year, he was a full-fledged operator, assigned to the Siasconset station at Nan-



tucket island, Mass. Already the gigantic dream of wireless and radio had caught him in its inexorable web. Circumstances were taking charge of his life.

That next year when he was nineteen, he was wireless operator on the S.S. "Beothic" off Newfoundland, and then

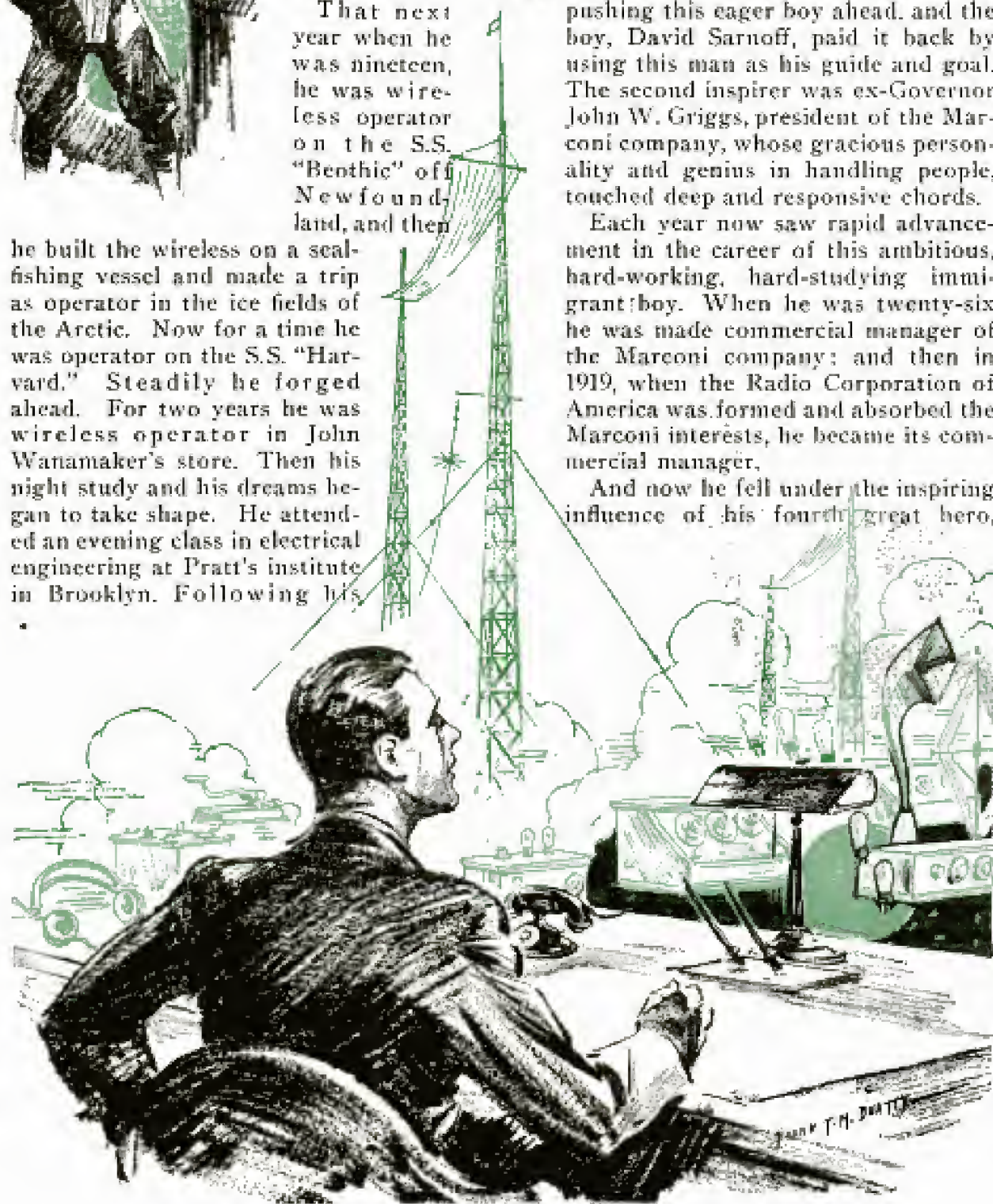
he built the wireless on a seal-fishing vessel and made a trip as operator in the ice fields of the Arctic. Now for a time he was operator on the S.S. "Harvard." Steadily he forged ahead. For two years he was wireless operator in John Wanamaker's store. Then his night study and his dreams began to take shape. He attended an evening class in electrical engineering at Pratt's institute in Brooklyn. Following his

completion of this course, he was made a radio inspector for the Marconi company and then an instructor at the Marconi institute. When he was twenty-two, he became chief radio inspector and assistant chief engineer.

Two other heroes had entered his life by this time. One was Edward J. Nally, vice president and general manager, who had come to the Marconi company in 1913. Nally it was who took a keen interest in pushing this eager boy ahead, and the boy, David Sarnoff, paid it back by using this man as his guide and goal. The second inspirer was ex-Governor John W. Griggs, president of the Marconi company, whose gracious personality and genius in handling people, touched deep and responsive chords.

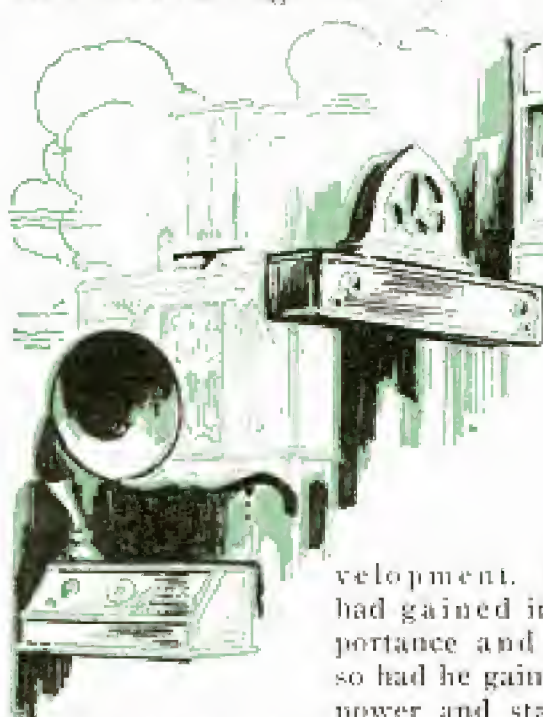
Each year now saw rapid advancement in the career of this ambitious, hard-working, hard-studying immigrant boy. When he was twenty-six he was made commercial manager of the Marconi company; and then in 1919, when the Radio Corporation of America was formed and absorbed the Marconi interests, he became its commercial manager.

And now he fell under the inspiring influence of his fourth great hero,



Owen D. Young. Sarnoff's eyes shone with a strange light—almost of worship—the other day when he spoke to me of Mr. Young. He was a young man of twenty-eight when he first met this older and wiser and more experienced great man. That was thirteen years ago, and through those years there has grown up a comradeship and an affection between these two men that is indeed a rare and beautiful thing.

David Sarnoff was really on his way now. In 1921, he was made general manager of the radio corporation, and a year later its vice president; and then in 1925 its executive vice president and on January 3, 1930, its president. He had grown up with the great radio business. He had marched hand in hand with its magic de-



velopment. As it had gained in importance and size so had he gained in power and stature.

His opportunity was his opportunity. And the other day, in talking to him about all this and what part luck might have had in it, he said to me:

"I think many men, when they more or less arrive, unconsciously work up a theory of what luck and early wisdom have had to do with their youthful successes. Personally I think they have very little to do with them—I think men are the creatures of circumstance. It was only circumstance that permitted me to grow up with radio. As I grew older and developed, it grew older and developed; and it was



the most natural thing that I should ride along with it. It was circumstance, too, that put me in touch at the right moment in my life with such inspiring men as Marconi, and Nally, and Griggs—and later Owen D. Young and General Harbord, the present chairman of the board of directors of the radio corporation. Each came at the time in my life when he could do the most for me. These were all pure circumstances."

And then this sturdy, broad-shouldered, blue-gray-eyed man, whose youth synchronizes with the birth of radio, went on talking about this fascinating art.

"Radio is only started," he explained; "that's what still makes it so fascinating to me. It is still a thing of mystery—of the unknown. YOU SEE, THE SUM TOTAL OF KNOWLEDGE IS INFINITESIMALLY SMALL COMPARED WITH THE SUM TOTAL OF IGNORANCE. AND AS WE ADVANCE OUR KNOWLEDGE ONE PER CENT

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POPULAR MECHANICS

dle to the center of the hold, and slowly lowers it until the proper deck has been reached. Then the fastenings, which held the car on the cradle, are loosened and the car is pulled into its destined place on the deck and there secured. The wheels are locked by four powerful steel clamps, which prevent any forward motion. To relieve the strain on the main springs of the car, jacks raise it. Strong chains, with turnbuckles on each side, pull the car firmly on the jacks. In this way, the car becomes practically an integral part of the vessel and even in heavy seas there is no danger of its breaking loose. The loading operation is done at the rate of one car in four minutes, while, if loading and unloading are done simultaneously, twenty cars can thus be taken care of in one hour. The value of the services rendered by the "Seatrains" is very great. A freight car may be loaded at a certain manufacturing town and unloaded at its destination in Cuba without any further handling. Two similar ferries will be built for operation between New York and Havana.

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WIND VANE TESTS LOCOMOTIVE FOR WASTE OF ENERGY

To determine what influence the wind has on the waste of energy, a weather vane is mounted on German locomotives. Performance under varying weather conditions and the resulting consumption of coal, oil or electricity are tested, the vane showing the wind's direction and velocity. A recording instrument in the locomotive cab is connected to the vane, which is placed at the front of the engine.

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Frame Attached to Front of Locomotive Contains Wind Vane; Dial in Engine Cab Records Weather Conditions on Test Runs



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Lighthouse Keeper Shrouding Lenses of Lamp to Guard Mechanism against Sun's Rays

COVER ON LIGHTHOUSE LENSES PROTECTS AGAINST SUN

For protection against the sun, a cover must be placed over the lenses of lighthouse lamps. If exposed, the lenses become giant burning glasses that focus the sun's rays on the inside of the lamp. In a few hours, the lantern becomes so hot that the lighthouse keeper cannot enter it to clean and polish, and there is danger of serious damage to the mechanism.

BONES OF ESKIMOS' ANCESTOR FOUND IN MINNESOTA

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That men have inhabited America at least 18,000 years is the conclusion of scientists who have examined a skeleton unearthed in Minnesota. It lay twelve feet beneath layered silt, formed in the glacial age. As the ice sheet retreated, the silt flowed into and filled lakes in Minnesota. This happened, geologists estimate, 18,000 to 20,000 years ago. The skeleton is pronounced that of a twenty-year old youth, with protruding jaws, unusually large teeth and apelike nose. Measurements indicate its relationship to the Eskimos rather than the Indians. A crude antler dagger and a large shell pendant, each punctured for tying on the owner, were found beside the bones.

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Poison Gas Guards "Health" of Art Treasures



Before foreign art treasures can enter Berlin museums, they must go through quarantine at the port of entry. The quarantine was established for the protection of art in the museums. When antiques, paintings, statues and other works are



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Top, New and Old in Masks; Bottom and Right, Workers Wear Gas Masks While Fumigating Art Treasures in the Museums of Berlin, Germany

carried into Germany from America, Africa, Australia and Asia, each object is subjected to poison gas that destroys moths, wood worms and germs of sleeping sickness and tropical diseases. The quarantine officers wear gas masks.

SAFETY TESTS OF GRANDSTAND MEASURE CROWD'S FORCE

When the home team's hero hits a homerun and the roaring crowd jumps to its feet, a force of at least five pounds is exerted against each square foot of space in the grandstands. To resist such a strain, the stands must be built strongly, well over prescribed limits for safety. Tests on a steel platform, six feet square, show the stress of crowd movements and the part

of the grandstand on which the greatest force is applied by the fans. More lateral force is developed by men in a sitting position than when standing. Greater forces are produced by three men than by nine, a capacity number for the steel platform which was suspended on rods like a lawn swing. A standard three-row portable steel grandstand, four feet long and erected on the suspended platform, helped to show the maximum strain a grandstand would be expected to meet. If such struc-

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tures can take care of thirteen pounds per square foot or twenty-four pounds per linear foot of seats, they are considered well within the limit of safety.

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EROSION STEALS HUNDRED TONS FROM ACRE EACH YEAR

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 Erosion steals over 100 tons of soil from each acre of moderately sloping fields every year. In a test by the department of agriculture, 105 tons were lost from corn land in twelve months, though the slope was only 146 feet long and no more severe than the average land in the corn belt. A one-inch rain removed nineteen and one-half tons of rich topsoil from an acre under test, while forty per cent of the rain ran off the ground instead of soaking in. From some slopes, the experimenters found, fifty per cent of the rain ran off, carrying enormous loads of rich soil. As a result, the corn production on badly eroded land is only fourteen bushels, as compared with fifty-one bushels on soil attended by erosion experts. Many farms have been abandoned because wasteful erosion has reduced production so much that it is unprofitable to operate them.

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FOOT-PROPELLED "STREET ZEP" RUNS SIX MILES AN HOUR

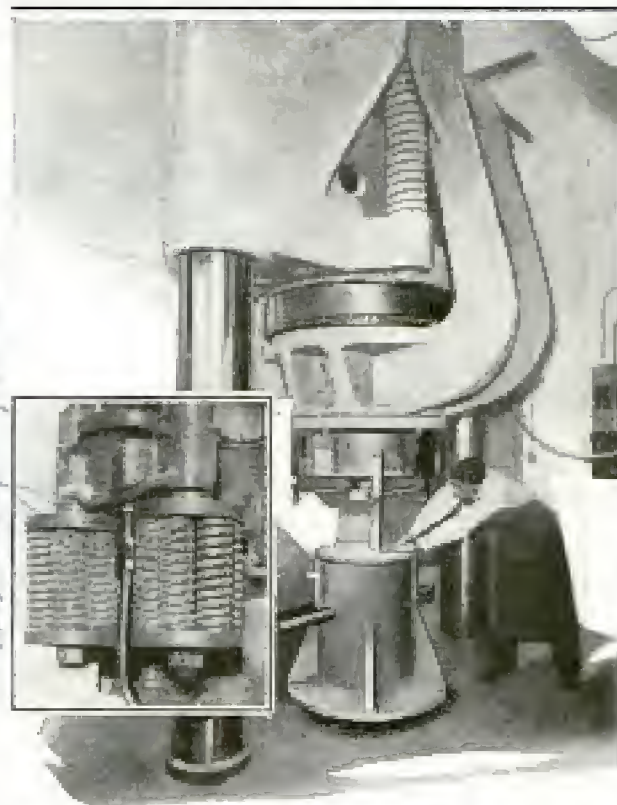
Propelled by pedals, a vehicle that resembles the rail "Zeppelin" has appeared on the streets of Berlin. Its four occupants can maintain a speed of six and one-half miles an hour. Four unemployed men built the car for touring Germany.



This Zeppelin-Like Vehicle Is Driven by Foot Power; Its Operators Pedaled the Car along Berlin Street on Tour of Germany

at Ascherleben, Germany.

MOST POWERFUL "NUTCRACKER" GIVEN SHOCK ABSORBERS



Machine Capable of 4,000,000-Pound Crushing Power and Its Set of Shock Absorbers

So violent were the "strong-arm" operations of the giant "nutcracker," used in testing materials in building Hoover dam, that government engineers were forced to provide it with shock absorbers to prevent it from seriously injuring the Denver federal building in which it is installed. Weighing 100 tons and capable of exerting a crushing power of 4,000,000 pounds, this testing machine measures the tensile

strength of building materials. In crushing tests, it produced shocks equaling an earthquake which shook the building and threatened to loosen its own foundation. Shock absorbers, in the form of huge coiled springs and heavy cork pads under the footplates of the machine, solved the problem. Now, the most stubborn of materials may be crushed without disturbing even the office workers on the floor above.

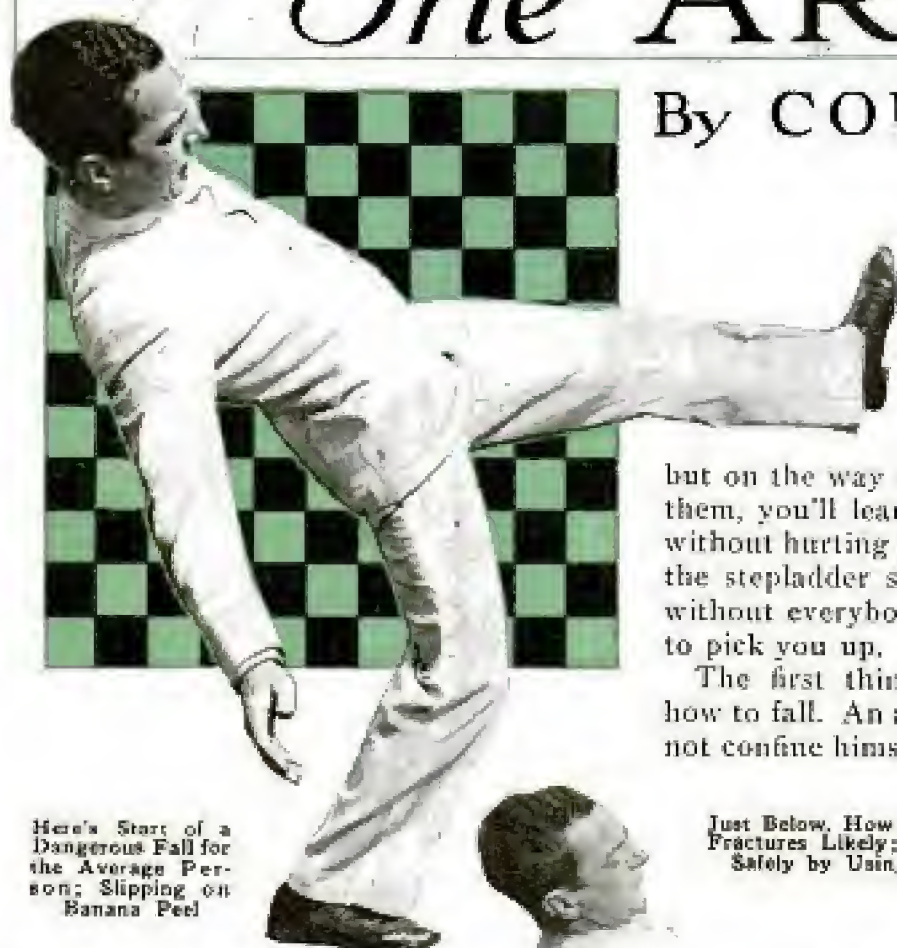
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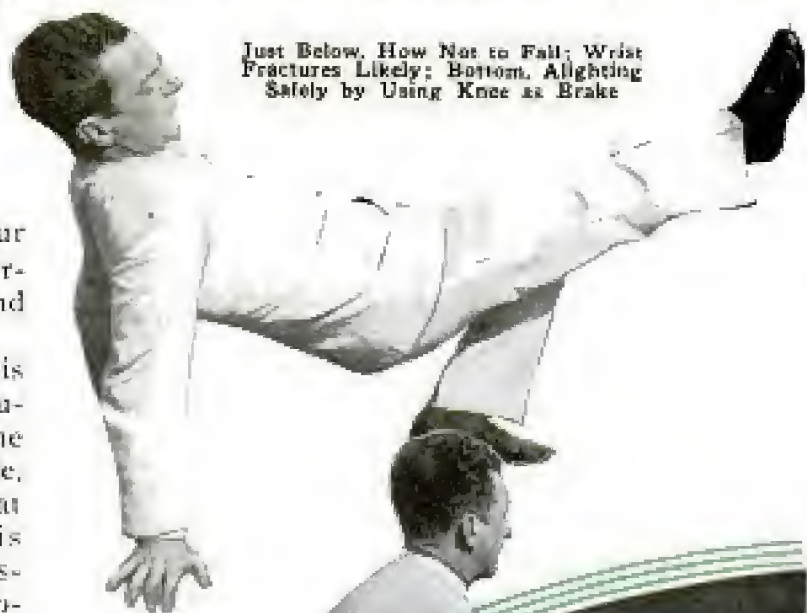


Here's Start of a Dangerous Fall for the Average Person; Slipping on Banana Peel

right now is that the one ticket "ta-a-a-king you-u-u a-a-l-l-l the way-y-y through-h-h" means much more than a circus performance. By proper concentration, not on the acts,

but on the way circus athletes accomplish them, you'll learn how to fall downstairs without hurting yourself; what to do when the stepladder slips, and how to stumble without everybody on the street hurrying to pick you up.

The first thing circus people learn is how to fall. An aerialist, for instance, does not confine himself to his trapeze in learn-



Just Below, How Not to Fall; Wrist Fractures Likely; Bottom, Alighting Safely by Using Knee as Brake

DID you ever think of your circus ticket as cheap insurance against fractured bones and a hospital bill?

For instance, when the band is playing, and the stages are occupied by "perch performers," one of whom balances a long pole, while the other, at the top of that pole, proceeds to stand on his head, there may seem slight association with that dangerous operation known as taking a bath. Yet there is a distinct connection. A far greater percentage of persons die from falls in a bathtub than by falling from the top of a perch. The man on top of the perch knows his business and the bather doesn't. But the principles are exactly the same.

This will be explained later. The important fact



Taking a TUMBLE

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ing his act. He first practices falling into the safety net, advancing gradually from a slight tumble to a big one. A circus performer can fall with a forty-foot ladder and not even be scratched, where the uninitiated might be crippled or killed. It is not essentially because the performer is an athlete. He simply knows how to take a tumble.

When the clown on the aerial bars pretends to fall over backward, he does exactly what the average person would do. He spreads his legs, he throws back his head and sprawls his arms. Thus he adds to the momentum of the fall. But while the audience shrieks, he suddenly shifts his stance—and doesn't fall at all! And when another clown stumbles, flapping "flat on his face."



To Fall Safely, Learn Secrets of Balance; Here's a Circus Performer on the Tight Wire

he doesn't risk that face in the least and the face does not hurt him.

The person who takes a tumble without injury, in the circus or out, does so without flailing about with his arms. Alfredo Codona illustrates it by falling from a rail in two photographs. One shows him busily trying to break his neck by the usual method of falling. The other shows him merely taking a harmless swing. And as for the clown who falls flat on his face, all he does is fall without scrambling, with his arms straight ahead and slightly forward, and his head turned to one side. Thus he distributes his fall over his whole body and doesn't get hurt. Simple, isn't it?

If You Scumble, Do Not Sprawl; Take It Easy as Shown in Photo at Right





Rider Ready for a Somersault or Roll if She Should Slip from Horse

Naturally, one questions why Lillian Leitzel, the circus world's greatest woman aerialist, should have been killed by a fall in Copenhagen, two seasons ago. It was not because she fell, but the way she fell. A swivel had broken on one of her rings. This broke her grip on the other, and threw her sprawling as she started downward. If the fall had been greater, she might be living today. But it was less than twenty-five feet, and in that space, the little "Queen of the Circus" did not have time to right herself, and "take it rolling." She crashed, head down, to the floor. Her skull was fractured. A fall of five feet more might have saved her.

The circus insists that one who falls should "go with the fall." Gravitation cannot be beaten, but it can be circumvented. There's that matter of the perch performer and the fall in a bathtub.

If a perch performer standing on his head must not fall, the same rule applies to a bathtub. The way to do it is to emulate the perch performer. That man never lets go until he knows his balance. Bathtub falls are largely caused by lack of that essential quality. The perch performer

never releases his handholds until he is safely balanced. Neither should a bather.

Have you ever seen those collapsible steps in a circus? Where they suddenly give way and the clown has no footing? There's little difference between them and tripping on the steps at home. Except at home one sprawls, grabs wildly for aid that isn't there, or flops back and fractures the base of the skull. Many children tumble all the way downstairs and are only slightly bruised. They merely bump along or roll. In this regard, it is possible for a person with no knowl-



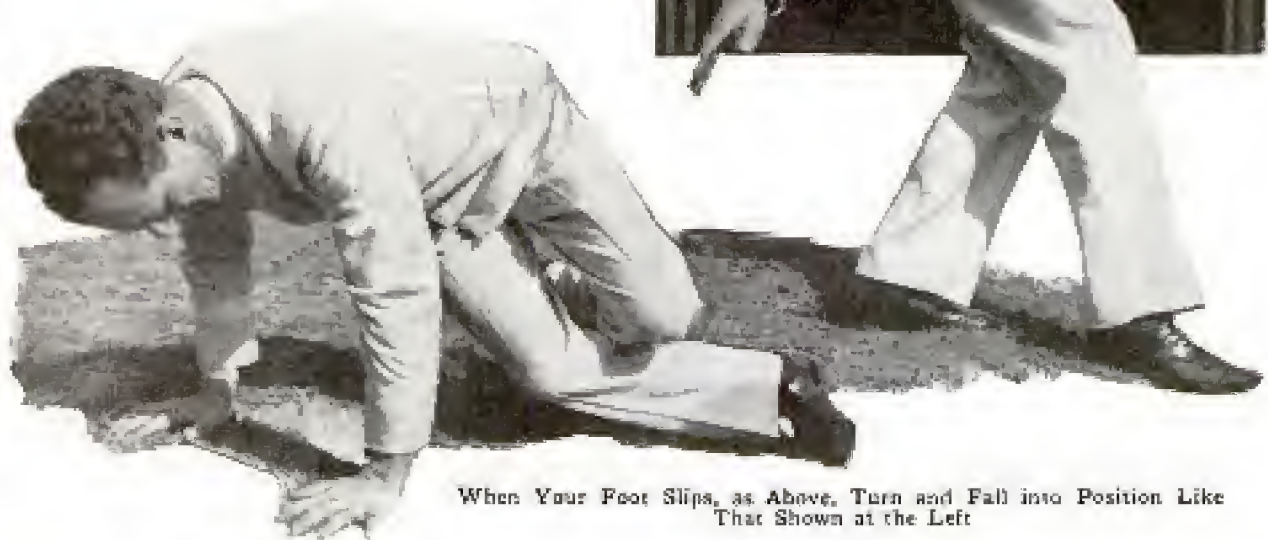
Left, Start of Fall from Rail; Bottom, Grabbing Rail Turns Fall into a Swing

edge of acrobatics to jump from a swiftly moving train, stumble, fall and not be hurt beyond scratches and bruises. All that is necessary is to tuck in the head, raise the arms, double up the body as much as possible and roll. The speed will attend to the rolling process, and the rolling prevents serious injury.

If this sounds ridiculous, watch the act of Clare Bruce, the famous riding clown of the Reiffenach family. In one portion of his act, he leaps for a horse. He misses it, apparently so badly that he catapults

If Horse Should Fall, Rider Goes with It as Far as Possible, then Rolls

entirely over it, headed for injury on the hippodrome track. But when he strikes, he extends his arms and legs only enough to form the contact and to throw him into a straight, spinning motion, his body stiffened, his arms raised to cover his face. Over and over he goes, turning with al-



When Your Foot Slips, as Above, Turn and Fall into Position Like That Shown at the Left

most dizzying speed. Then he sits up, waves gaily to the audience and goes back to the ring. It's part of his living. He does it twice a day.

Here indeed is the true principle of the right kind of a tumble. A rough fall would break bones, but a ball can roll a long time without injury. The rolling motion takes up gravitation easily and gradually. A collision smashes an automobile, but there are billions of gradual stops every day on America's highways.

To defeat gravitation—that is the real art of taking a tumble. Codono knows how to fall. He simply puts down the foot

that is in the air, turns and, in turning, breaks a big part of the pull of gravitation, and then goes to his hands and thighs on the ground—in the opposite direction to which he was going. As for the slip of the heel on a banana peel, he pulls back the leg that was taking the step, jerks forward his body, instead of forcing it backward by grabbing and sprawling, bends his knees and crouches. The average man shoots both legs in the air, falls flat backward, hits his skull or gets a double fracture of the wrists. The usual person goes against the fall and adds to the momentum. The circus performer goes



If You Stumble on Stairs, Don't Follow Center Photo's Example; Sit Down and Slide, as at Bottom

with the fall and subtracts from it. Is that clear? Perhaps the example of not being injured by a tipped-over chair will make it easier.

In the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey circus, is Harry Rittley, whose main stunt is to climb to the top of six tables placed one on the other, sit on a chair, and then topple the whole affair over backward. It seems terribly risky. It would be for anyone but a circus man. But any person could do it with one or two tables and a chair simply by holding hard to the rules of falling.

All Harry Rittley does is ride the fall until the chair is within a few feet of the floor. He has pulled his legs back so that they touch the floor a second before the tables and chair strike. Then he does three backward roll-overs, comes to his feet and takes the applause.

When the uninitiated man has been tipping back his chair until he is off balance, he flails wildly, throws back his body and goes on over. But a circus performer shoots his body and arms forward, thus defeating gravitation by putting a brake against it. Instead of pushing out his legs, he pulls them back hard. The chair goes to the floor, and he remains in a bent, standing position. In other words, he has balanced his whole body against a fall, in-

stead of adding to overbalance. As for a stumble, don't sprawl. Hinge your knees quickly and go down to a position like a runner awaiting the gun.

Thus the list goes on. The girl who falls from a falling horse, goes with the horse as long as she can, then doubles up and rolls. The performer with a tectery step-ladder doesn't grab for an



imaginary picture, but remains standing on the top of the ladder until it nearly touches the ground, then, well-balanced, jumps off and runs a few steps to overcome the effect of the jump. The average stepladder is only about six feet high, and the average person can take a six-foot jump without injury. Besides it isn't a six-foot jump. The arc of that stepladder in going down reduces the height.

Alfredo Codona and his brother Lalo were returning last spring from California to the opening of the big show in Madison Square garden. They were driving a car at sixty miles an hour. A front tire blew out, throwing the automobile into a ditch. Immediately both men braced themselves and went with the car. They did not stretch their arms loosely or swing their legs about in an effort to get out. They simply held tight and became a part of that car, as much a fixture as the upholstery itself. Everywhere that automobile went, they went also.

The car leaped forward, staggered drunkenly and hit a log. It catapulted, riding high in the air for two complete forward revolutions. When it had settled down, Alfredo looked at Lalo.

"Hurt?" asked Alfredo.

"No, are you?"

"Not a bit," answered Alfredo, unconsciously lying.

He had a slight bruise on his forehead.

SUNLIGHT STUDIED FOR PROOF OF EINSTEIN'S THEORY

By testing the deflection of light during a total eclipse of the sun, astronomers hope to reconstruct proof of Einstein's



Member of Astronomers' Colony at Telegraph Mountain, Potsdam, Germany, Studies Stars through One of the Giant Telescopes

theory of relativity. The calculations from which the proof will be taken will result from years of studying sun and star light through the giant telescope at Telegraph Mountain, Potsdam, Germany, as well as at other observation points throughout the world. About 100 scientists, dedicated to a life of studying the stars and the stratosphere, live at Potsdam, apart from the rest of the world.

STORAGE BATTERY USES IODINE

Iodine, commonly used as an antiseptic, is the active material in a storage battery that is superior to the lead or nickel-cadmium now on the market. It looks like a dry cell and gives off no dangerous vapors.

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POPULAR MECHANICS

ENDLESS CHAIN TO STRIP BARK CUTS COST OF LOGS



Sharp Knives on Chain Slice off Bark: Operator Holds Handles as Trimmer Automatically Moves Ahead

research showed that the best results are obtained from mixing one part of Texas or California orange with three parts milk, as contrasted to two parts Florida orange to three parts milk. The Texas and California oranges are equivalent to a three-per-cent solution of citric acid. Milk containing this amount does not curdle.

ELECTRIC POWER IN DIAMONDS REVEALED BY LIGHT BATH

By bathing a certain type of diamonds in polarized light, ultraviolet or extreme red rays, enough electric current to produce a deflection in a galvanometer is released. The "electric" diamond is rare, only five such stones out of 250 possessing the power of generating current. If the diamond producing the power in ultraviolet rays, 2,300 units long, is subjected to light, 3,650 units long, the electricity is quenched.

AUTO PUMP FOR FIGHTING FIRE PROTECTS FORESTS

Designed for fighting forest and farm fires, a water pump that can be mounted on an automobile or truck is driven from the crankshaft by a long fan belt. The pump is bolted to the auto or truck engine, the fan belt connected and the engine started. Water for fighting the flames can be carried in a tank or sucked through a hose from stream or pond. In addition, the pump can be used by farmers and nurserymen for spraying. It weighs only sixteen pounds and puts no more strain on the auto engine than ordinary driving.



Bolted on Auto Engine, Water Pump and Hose Help in Fighting Forest and Home Fires

Costly stripping of bark from logs can be made inexpensive by using a semi-automatic machine that has an endless chain equipped with knives. The chain runs over three sprockets and around the log, driven by a six-horsepower motor. A supporting frame on casters makes it easy to move, while the whole barker is confined to a three-foot width so it can be carried between rows of trees. The chain is adjustable to any size log. Only one operator is needed. Since the chain works forward on the log automatically, the operator does no pushing, merely holding the handle.

CITRIC ACID MIXED WITH MILK IS AID TO DIGESTION

If fresh milk is treated, or mixed with, citric acid, it is much easier to digest, contrary to the general impression of a few years ago. Research in connection with treatment of ulcers of the stomach shows that curd from milk is much softer when treated with orange juice, which contains the citric acid and a high proportion of vitamin C. Other citrus fruits would have the same effect in correct proportions. Since Florida oranges are slightly less acid than the California and Texas variety, the

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FACE POWDER OF WHITE
 LEAD WAS USED IN
 ANCIENT GREECE

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White face powder was produced in ancient Greece 400 years before Christ by methods identical with contemporary processes. This has been established by analysis of the cosmetics found in the grave of a woman at Corinth by Prof. T. Leslie Shear, of Princeton University. The cosmetics were found to be cubes of carbonate of lead which had been manufactured by the Greeks through basic methods similar to those today used in the production of white lead. Pliny describes the process.

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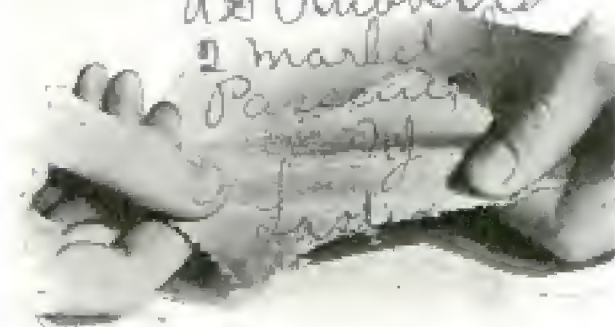


Form of Arch Roof Construction Intended to Lower Building Costs; the Walls Extend into the Roof

RUBBER CLOTH RETAINS SHAPE
 AND RESISTS WEAR

Woven from yarn treated with rubber, a new cloth springs back to its original shape after stretching, reducing wear almost to a minimum. The elastic material is not affected by the strain put on certain parts of the clothing. Trousers made of the cloth never would appear baggy, the makers claim, since the material would return to the crease built into the garment.

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Made from Rubber-Treated Yarn, This Cloth Stretches, Then Springs Back to Its Original Shape

ARCH ROOF FOR HOME LOWERS
 COST OF CONSTRUCTION

Known for centuries as one of the strongest forms of construction, the arch has recently been made the basis of a new type of dwelling that is expected to lower building costs. The lintel method, spanning two uprights with a crossbeam of stone or wood, has been used almost uni-

versally in the past. The latest method discards this in favor of an arch deriving its strength from its shape rather than from cross bracing. There is no break at the line where the walls join the roof, thus permitting stronger and lighter structures. The roof and sidewall form a continuous unit, the only difference being in surface covering, roof shingles giving way to siding without the use of overhanging eaves or rain spouts. Interior lines follow those of the outside, the rooms having arched ceilings, which provide greater air volume and lend themselves to unusual decorative treatment. In building such a home, the framework of wood is erected first, the members being built up of three layers, so the straight sidepieces can be carried without a break into the curving roof. A layer of insulating material is then applied to the outside, followed by weatherboarding or shingles. The same general construction is used for partitions, with wires and pipes built in. The framework and insulating material combine to form a paneled effect for the interior. The method is being used for both one and two-story houses, and tests have indicated that an arched house in a tornado will roll over before it will collapse. The design is being applied to permanent dwellings, summer cottages, garages and filling stations. A four-room house can be built complete by this method, with plumbing and lighting fixtures, for \$750.

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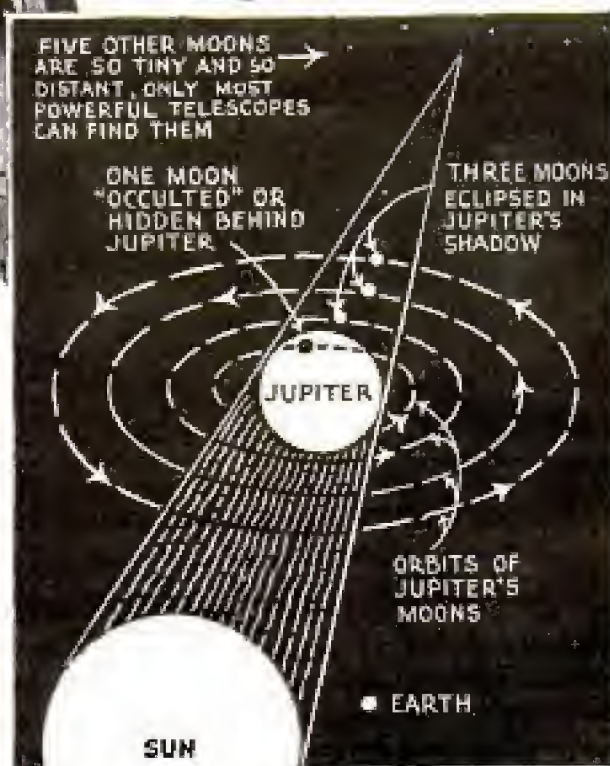


contribution to astronomy. Hardly a year goes by without some such important discovery, made by a comparatively untrained observer. The small telescopes of amateurs are more satisfactory for comet hunting than are the huger instruments that magnify so highly that only a small area of the sky can be seen at one time. Then, too, professional astronomers have little time to "prospect" for new stars. As a matter of fact, scientists who have the most intricate devices of astrophysics at

their command are calling upon amateur astronomers with their home-made instruments to help them study the stars. So important is the work of the amateurs considered that observatories collect their reports from all over

WHEN the director of the observatory unfolded the telegram, he found a request from an amateur astronomer to investigate a new comet. Late that night the shutters of the observatory dome were rolled back. Dials were turned, and the ponderous telescope moved into position. Finally the mirror was focused on the object.

The astronomers were ready to confirm the discovery, but no one on the observation platform peered into the eyepiece. Instead, a photographic plate was strapped on. Then, by a careful comparison of the photograph with a star chart, the existence of the object was definitely affirmed. Other instruments were coupled to the telescope, and within a short time the distance, size and orbit of the celestial visitor were determined. Meanwhile, the work was checked at other observatories. Next day the newspapers announced that an amateur had again made an important



the world. Instead of investing a fortune in a telescope, the average amateur makes

Telescopes Conquer Space



Photo of Sun's Surface, Showing a Prominence 140,000 Miles High; White Disk Represents Earth's Size



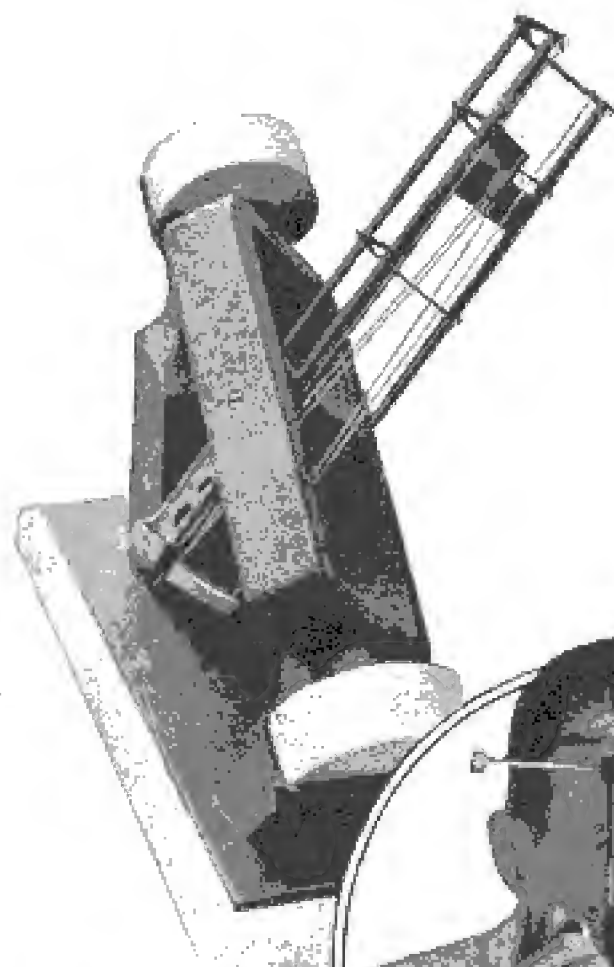
his own at a cost of a few dollars. It may be a surprise to know that you can build a reflecting telescope like those in the largest observatories with less trouble than it takes to grind the lenses of a refracting

telescope. Reflecting telescopes consist simply of a concave mirror, a flat mirror, an eyepiece and a mounting. The raw materials and a few inexpensive parts are purchased. The mirror glasses are ground to shape and polished by hand. Many such telescopes made in spare time are as efficient, for their size, as are the most powerful telescopes built.

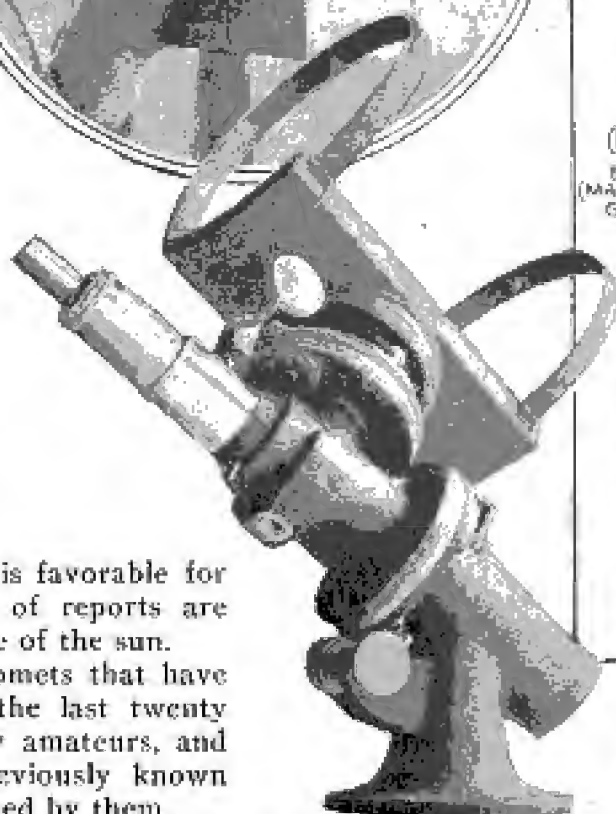
With his \$10 or \$15 instrument an amateur can study stars down to the twelfth magnitude. The naked eye sees stars of the sixth magnitude, and the 100-inch mirror at Mt. Wilson has detected stars of the twenty-third magnitude by time exposures. The stars in each magnitude are two and a half times dimmer than in the preceding magnitude.

With hundreds of homemade telescopes in the United States sweeping the sky every night, the large observatories have practically given over several branches of study to the amateur societies. Members of these make regular observations of

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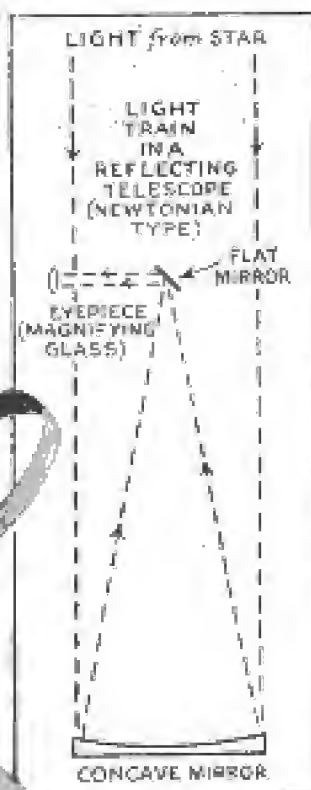


Model of 100-inch Mirror with White Lines Showing the Path of the Light Rays



Gardeners, school-teachers and clerks have had their names enrolled in the astronomical hall of fame because of the work they have done. One star gazer in Ohio is credited with the discovery of twelve new comets. Through the assistance of amateurs, Prof. E. W. Brown, of Yale University, has determined that the moon is not keeping accurate time. His unofficial assistants noted the exact second at which certain stars disappeared behind the rim of the moon, and from these reports it was calculated that the moon fails to meet its appointments by one second every hundred years.

Right now, amateurs are being called upon to help solve one of the outstanding mysteries of astrophysics—the nature of the variable stars. One typical variable, in the constellation of Cygnus, remains a dim light point for long periods. Then it rapidly grows in brilliance until it seems



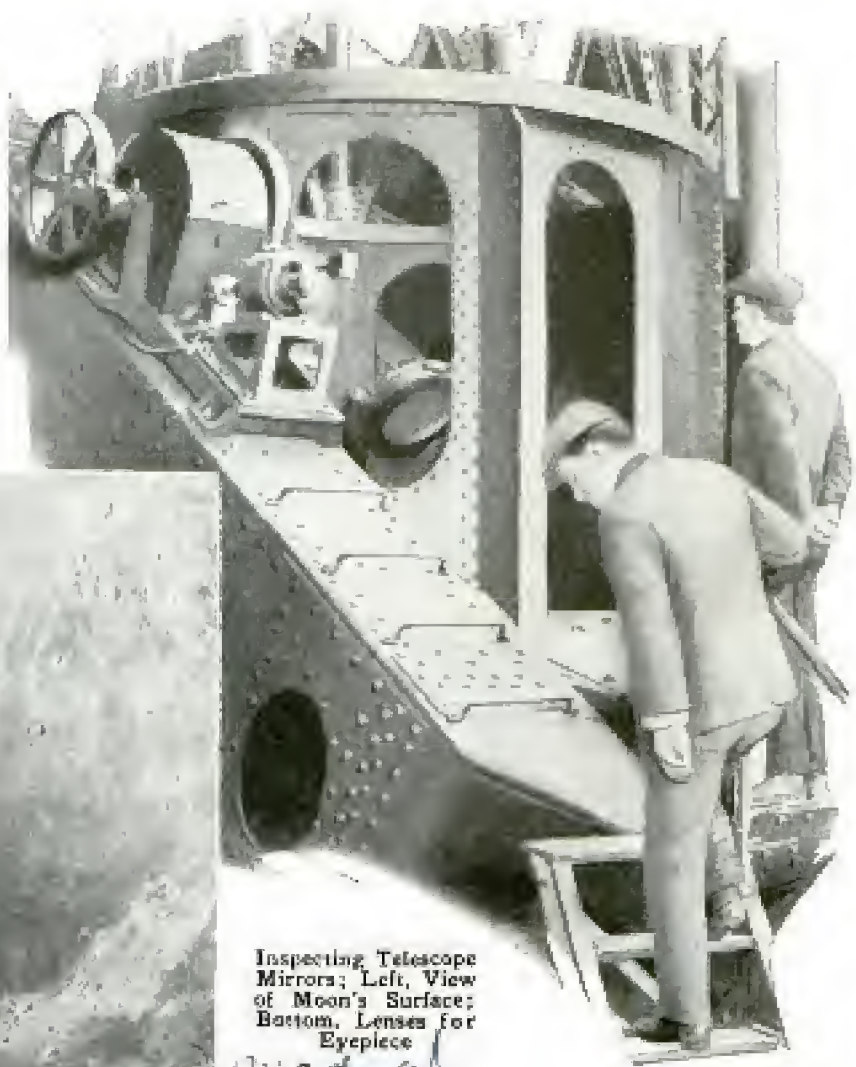
Center, Testing a Mirror; Bottom Left, Pasadena Mounting Designed by Amateur Astronomer

the moon, comets and shooting stars, and compile reports that can be studied by astronomers at their leisure. When an observatory needs special information on a certain star, its request is forwarded to amateurs all over the world. If clouds or poor visibility hinder the scientists, reports are gathered from amateurs in areas where the weather is favorable for observations. Hundreds of reports are collected after each eclipse of the sun.

Practically all of the comets that have been discovered during the last twenty years were first found by amateurs, and the returns of many previously known comets were first announced by them.

several hundred times its previous size. Finally it fades again. Some of these stars pulsate in definite cycles, but others seem to flare and die on erratic schedules. In studying the strange behavior of the long-period variables, amateurs are working shoulder to shoulder with scientists.

Dr. Paul W. Merrill,



Inspecting Telescope Mirrors; Left, View of Moon's Surface; Bottom, Lenses for Eyepiece



who is completing spectrographs on several hundred variable stars with the aid of

the Mt. Wilson telescope, uses amateur observations to learn when the variables are at the peak of brilliance. He explains that each amateur who has the inclination is asked to report on two or three variable stars, keeping track of their brilliance by comparison with near-by stars of fixed size and light. From past observations, the peak of brilliance of each variable is known, and as the star approaches this point, a report is sent to Harvard University, and thence to the observatories.

"By studying a variable star through the spectroscope," says Doctor Merrill, "some facts about its speed in the line of sight and the materials of which it is composed are learned. It is expected that eventually this will lead to some definite idea as to why its light varies. Determination of the light curves of the long-period variables, is an extremely necessary part of this work." Nearly half a million different observations on variable stars

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Here is a Covered Wagon of 1932; Goat in "Rumble Seat" Supplies Milk

COVERED WAGON ROLLS AGAIN BUT ON PAVEMENT

Pioneer days of the middle west were recalled when a covered wagon was used to transport an Illinois family 160 miles to a town in Wisconsin. Eight days were required for the trip. Two goats, in a pen attached to the back of the wagon, furnished milk, while other necessities were carried in the wagon. But instead of rumbling over the prairie, the family, in contrast to the earlier migrants, traveled on excellent roads, all paved.

WIRE ONE-TENTH OF HAIR SIZE USED IN ELECTRIC LAMPS

One-tenth the size of a man's hair, tungsten filament wire used in the Westinghouse six-watt incandescent lamp is so fine that it is practically invisible. The exact size is four-ten-thousandths of an inch in diameter. This wire is formed by pass-

ing a bar of tungsten, three-eighths inch square and twenty-four inches long, through ninety-five dies, each slightly smaller than the one preceding. By this process, the bar is stretched into a wire 207 miles long, enough to provide filament for 666,666 lamps. Two weeks are necessary to turn one bar into wire.

BUILDING IS RAZED BY HAMMER AND CRANE

Contractors faced with the task of tearing down the heavy stone walls of the Terre Haute, Ind., post-office building used a "swinging hammer" to accomplish the job much more rapidly than could have been done by hand. The hammer was nothing more than a heavy iron weight swinging on a cable from the long boom of a crane. By skillful manipulation of the swaying boom, blows were struck in the proper places to fell large sections of the walls at one time, and always inward, as desired.



Battering Down the Stone Walls of a Building with Swinging Hammer Attached to Crane

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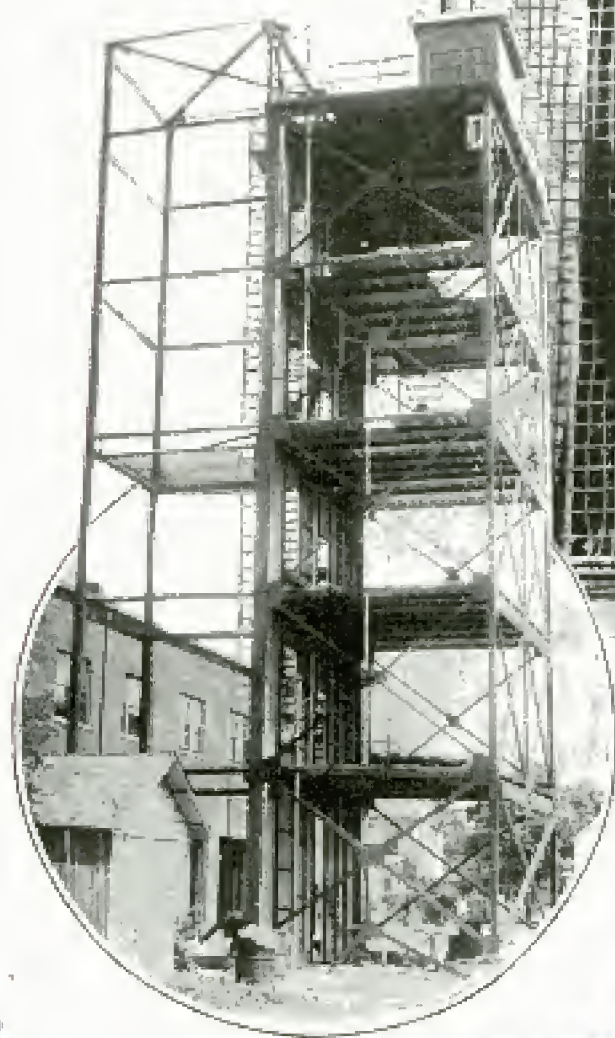
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Life Net on Elevator for Rookie Fire Fighters

Injuries to recruit firemen during periods of training are prevented in one city by the use of a life net fitted to a frame on the practice tower where the rookies climb



Recruit Fireman on Practice Tower with Net beneath Him; Left, Tower with Net in Position

and learn the rudiments of fire fighting. The net can be moved up or down the walls so it is always in place to catch the unskilled man who loses his balance while trying to scale a wall. It has been found that the net speeds up training, as the novices have more confidence and are willing to attempt the more dangerous feats at an earlier period.

ELECTRIC BANKNOTE COUNTER HELPS DETECT BOGUS BILLS

Operated by a small electric motor, a counter and sorter for banknotes has been produced in Germany. As each bill passes under the counting rollers, it is exposed to a penetrating light that helps to detect counterfeit currency. The machine's capacity is 4,000 notes per hour. When enough currency to form a bundle of a certain size has passed through the counter, the motor automatically stops. Only one note at a time can pass through the

register, the rollers being adjustable to currency of any thickness.

STARCH FROM SWEET POTATO

Extraction of a high-quality starch from sweet potatoes has solved the problem of disposing of culls, which make up ten to thirty per cent of the entire crop. A new process of producing the starch removes the objectionable color that had been a hindrance to commercial use of starch from this source. The product is adapted especially to use by the textile industry.

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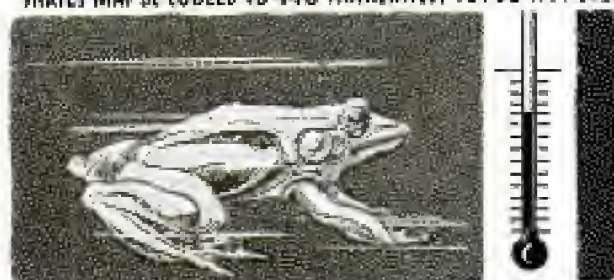
That problem may be summed up in the question: How much can life stand? It is a very practical question to breeders seeking to improve the quality of live stock, to milk producers and fruit and meat packers and medical men fighting bac-

A GRAIN company had wheat stored in its elevators, and before it could be shipped weevils developed. The elevator managers had heard of a strange radio tube that would induce fever in the human blood stream, and kill grasshoppers or even larger creatures. Could it do anything for the weevil problem? They went with that question to Dr. W. R. Whitney, director of the General Electric research laboratory at Schenectady.

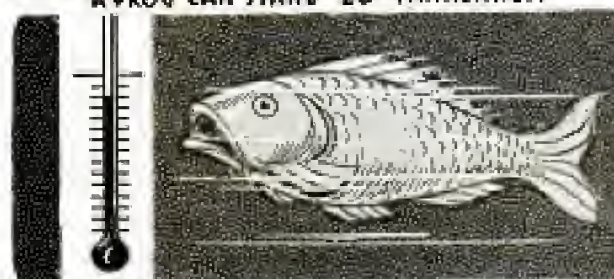
Doctor Whitney put some weevils in a glass tube and turned on a thirty-meter radio wave. In less than a minute they were dead. Then he let some grain fall rapidly through an intense radio field. To the insects the radiation was indeed a death ray. Inspection showed that all were killed, and germination tests showed the wheat had not been injured. But in a few days baby weevils hatched out in the treated grain. While the insects were easy prey to the short waves, the dormant life of their eggs was not seriously affected. "And so," concluded Doctor Whitney, "the real problem is not solved."



SNAILS MAY BE COOLED TO -140° FAHRENHEIT YET DO NOT DIE



A FROG CAN STAND -20° FAHRENHEIT



A CARP WILL DIE AT -10° FAHRENHEIT

Top, Weevil-Infested Grain Undergoing Short-Wave Treatment; Below, Examples of Frozen Life

teria, to farmers and orchardists and foresters fighting destructive pests.

A government bureau was anxious to

of FROZEN LIFE



test the behavior of insects under unusual conditions—in an atmosphere of hydrogen, in a vacuum, and in an intense radio field. It submitted the problem to Doctor Whitney. He put a cockroach in a glass tube, sealed the tube airtight and then pumped it as near



Popping Corn between Iced-Water Electrodes, Which Are Connected to a High-Frequency Heater

a vacuum as possible. The bug swooned and lay motionless. For a full minute it was left in that airless world, but when the tube was opened and the air gushed in, it quivered, stretched its legs, stood up and ran away.

"I repeated the experiment," related Doctor Whitney, "increasing the time to two minutes, five minutes, and finally a full hour. In each case the cockroach apparently died and came to life.

"Then we put the insects in a tube filled with hydrogen at normal pressure. They soon lay down and rested. When they were

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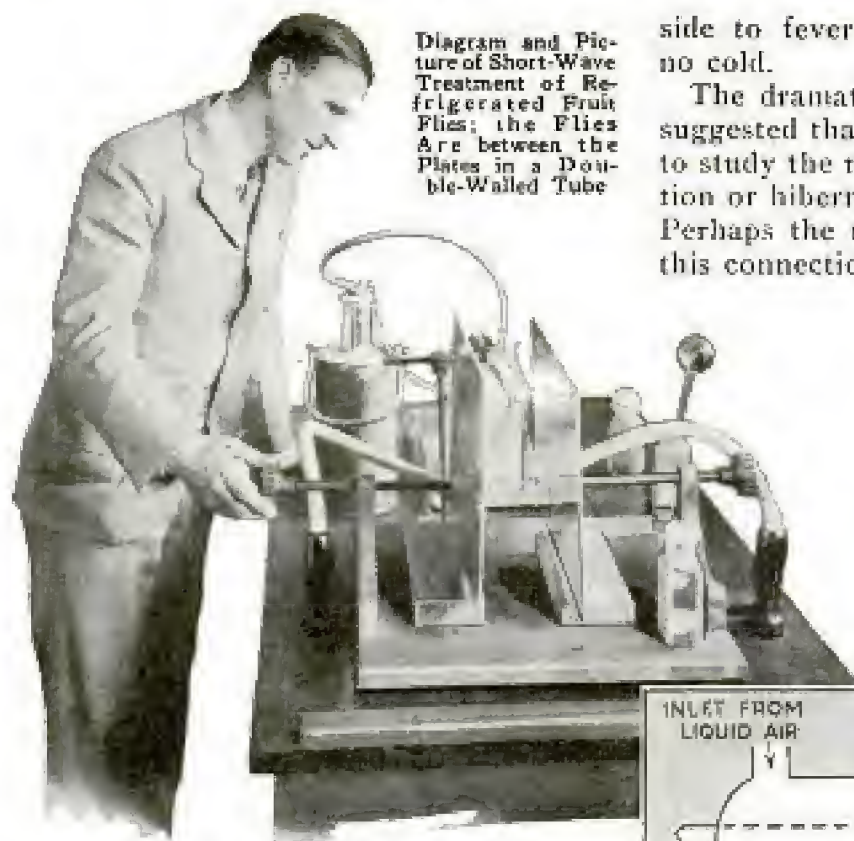


Diagram and Picture of Short-Wave Treatment of Refrigerated Fruit Flies; the Flies Are between the Plates in a Double-Walled Tube

brought into the air again, they woke up and crawled away. Nitrogen gas was tried next, and here we found that insects would wander around for two days without suffering any fatal or serious effect."

But how do the insects behave under the influence of radio waves? Doctor Whitney took some fruit flies and put them in a large glass tube. The tube was closed, but so connected that it was possible to circulate a current of air through it. He began to lower the temperature of this air, and the insects huddled on the glass floor, an apparently frozen mass.

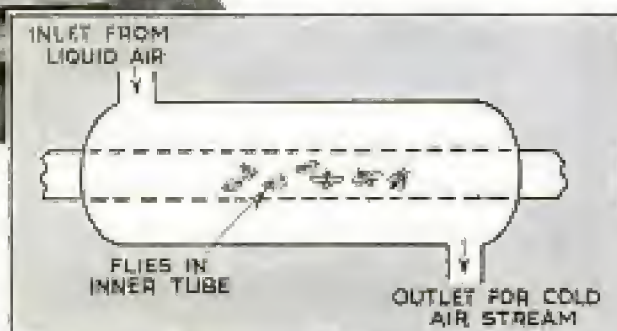
When the winter temperature had prevailed for some minutes, the thirty-meter radio generator was started. It is the same powerful vacuum tube that had been found to bring on fever in men working near it. The question was: Could it recall life to the frozen insects or would it kill them outright?

After the tube had been working about one minute, oscillating at the rate of ten million times a second, the frozen mass gave a feeble stir. In another minute some were crawling, and soon they were flying or buzzing their wings. The freezing breeze was still blowing through the tube, but the radio waves had heated them in-

side to fever temperature and they felt no cold.

The dramatic result of this experiment suggested that radio waves might be used to study the mystery of suspended animation or hibernation as it occurs in nature. Perhaps the most startling suggestion in this connection is one which came out of

Germany recently—the proposal that the icefields of northern Siberia or of the Arctic islands be explored for a mammoth preserved in the ice. It is not impossible that extinct creatures may exist in frozen preservation, for some of the ice in the polar regions is of great



age. Mammoths have been found imbedded in the soil of Siberia, some of them standing erect, with fleshy parts and hairy covering still adhering to the bones. But to expect that radio waves, oxygen injections, or any other stimulus can recall life to a thousand-year-old carcass is—in the opinion of all the biologists who would discuss so fantastic a subject—"highly improbable."

Cold can be endured by many creatures with a very high degree of immunity. An instance is on record in which a boy found a frozen snake on an icy road. He picked it up, used it as a walking stick, and when he arrived home, set the "cane" in a corner of the kitchen. Half an hour later the warmed serpent was sluggishly dragging itself across the floor.

Quite apart from the ordeal of cold is the ordeal of hunger. The bear, the groundhog, the hedgehog and the dormouse grow exceedingly fat during summer, and it is this surplus food stored up in their body tissues that sustains them during the long winter sleep. When they

revive in the spring, they have lost from a third to nearly a half of their weight.

Animals in a complete state of hibernation show scarcely any signs of breathing; so, it is not strange that the cockroaches were able to get along without oxygen. A dormant hedgehog was immersed in water for twenty-two minutes without injury, whereas when awake and active three minutes immersion drowned him.

Even more spectacular is the sleeping lung fish at the laboratory of the New York University medical school. In its native tropics, the lung fish endures the annual dry season by burrowing into the mud and its skin exudes a parchmentlike cocoon which incloses it. The New York fish retired into its cocoon in 1928, and in the summer of 1932 it was still asleep. So far as the fish knows, the dry season is still on.

Apparently, life can stand a great deal. The shell of an Egyptian desert snail was brought to the British Museum as a specimen. Four years after it was put on public view, an attendant noticed a trace of slime on the card. The mount was immediately immersed in water, and presently the awakened snail stuck out its feelers and began to crawl.

There are tales innumerable of toads and frogs found sealed up in solid masonry walls many years old, but none of these finds has ever been scientifically checked at the time of the discovery, and so science remains critically skeptical of all such reports.

Better certified is the long life of certain bacteria recently found in coal. The German coal seam from which these microscopic bits of life were taken is rated by the geologists as millions of years old. Apparently the microbes have been in the coal ever since it was laid down. They are completely entombed and are all of one luminous type, giving off a soft glow like fireflies. To have withstood the enormous pressure of overlying rock and soil and to have endured for so many thousands of centuries without free oxygen, is a demonstration of what life can survive.

An interesting experiment would be to submit these microbes to the influence of short-wave radiation—to see what this new tool of science may do to the oldest living creatures on our planet.



Mail Box Like House with Electric Lights Which Serves as Marker for an Estate at Night

RURAL MAIL BOX WITH LIGHTS IS MARKER FOR GUESTS

Although there are no night deliveries, an ornate mail box equipped with electric lights stands at the entrance of an estate in Wisconsin. The box is constructed like a small house and is surrounded by a tiny fence, the receptacle and the grounds having been made to conform to the architecture of buildings on the estate. In the daytime the little house serves merely to receive mail, but at night the lamps are turned on to mark the entrance for guests, the name "Green Gables" appearing in lights at the top of the building.

FASTEST TURBINE BLADES SPIN THIRTEEN MILES A MINUTE

Traveling faster than anything in the nature of machinery or vehicle except a bullet, the blades of a giant turbo-generator whirl thirteen and one-half miles a minute, or 810 miles an hour, in providing electrical power for New Jersey. The machine weighs more than thirty tons, and the rotor holding the turbine blades attains 3,600 revolutions per minute, which is claimed to be a record speed for heavy machinery.

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Top, Left, Exterior View of Ply-wood House; Bottom, Left, One of the Bedrooms; Right, Kitchenette and Breakfast Room



PLYWOOD HOUSE IS PORTABLE AND INEXPENSIVE

Constructed of plywood glued together, a portable three-room house with accommodations for four persons has been designed to meet the demand for low living costs. The house costs less than \$400. No nails are used, the plywood being held together with a waterproof glue. Double walls, mortised, tenoned and secured by iron locking devices, and floors that are screwed into position, are among the features. Assembling of the house will take only two days.

CLIMBING FROGS LEARN TO FLY BY GLIDING THROUGH AIR

Frogs that climb trees, burrow and try to fly, inhabit the Mexican tropical forests. The tree frogs are described in a bulletin, issued by the Smithsonian Institution.

tion and prepared by Dr. Remington Kellogg. He explains that various members of the family are at different stages of development in their physical adaptation to tree life, thus constituting a remarkable example of evolution at work as a species struggles to shake itself free of one environment and conquer another. The toes of the frogs have adhesive disks, enabling them to obtain a foothold on relatively smooth surfaces, so that they can climb and cling to foliage. One species is both a burrower and climber, and another carries the young in a pouch on the back of the female. Still another group deposits the eggs on leaves overhanging the water, the tadpoles dropping off the leaves as they leave the eggs. One of the most remarkable species appears to be attempting flight. The hind limbs are elongated for jumping and it has been known to leap and alight without injury from a height of 140 feet. When dropped, this kind of frog spreads out its limbs and glides to earth.

In 1931 there was one automobile to every fifty-six persons in the world, the United States leading with one car for every four.

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DISEASES TRAVEL THROUGH AIR AT AMAZING SPEED B1230

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Diseases travel through the air at what is considered an unusual speed, thirty-five feet in five minutes. It has been known for a long time that microorganisms are carried about on droplets of moisture, but Dr. Merl G. Colvin, of Yale medical school, has found that at least one group of contagious diseases can travel independently. Contrary to the general belief, these diseases move fast, that is, fast for microorganisms so small that the common microscope does not show them. In addition to measuring the speed, Doctor Colvin found that the germs remained in the dust of his room for eighteen days. After a thorough sweeping and mopping, he discovered that there were more germs in the air than before. Since viruses are hard to handle in the laboratory, Doctor Colvin substituted bacteriophages, about the same size. The group studied includes measles and chicken pox, both of which are known as virus diseases.

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TRUNDLE SEAT FOR THE LAWN IS LIKE WHEELBARROW

Made like an elongated wheelbarrow, a garden seat that is easily trundled about can be converted to a chaise-longue, arm-chair or settee simply by dropping or raising a side or end. At one end are handles, and at the other, the wheels for moving it about the yard. It is built of wood enam-



Garden Seat Resembling a Wheelbarrow That Can Be Trundled from One Position to Another

eled in green, and its padded cushions are shower-proof.

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Movie "Snow" Emerging from the Spout in a Cereal Mill; It Is Made of Ground Corn

MOVIE SNOW IS MADE OF CORN AND SHIPPED TO STUDIOS

Midwest farmers grow the snowstorms that are seen in the movies. This movie "snow" is made of corn and prepared to simulate snowflakes at a cereal mill in Omaha, where belts, wheels, presses and knives cut the kernels into flakes, after which the corn is packed in burlap sacks and sent to Hollywood. It takes three carloads of corn to produce a first-class storm, and the snow costs about \$4 per hundred pounds.

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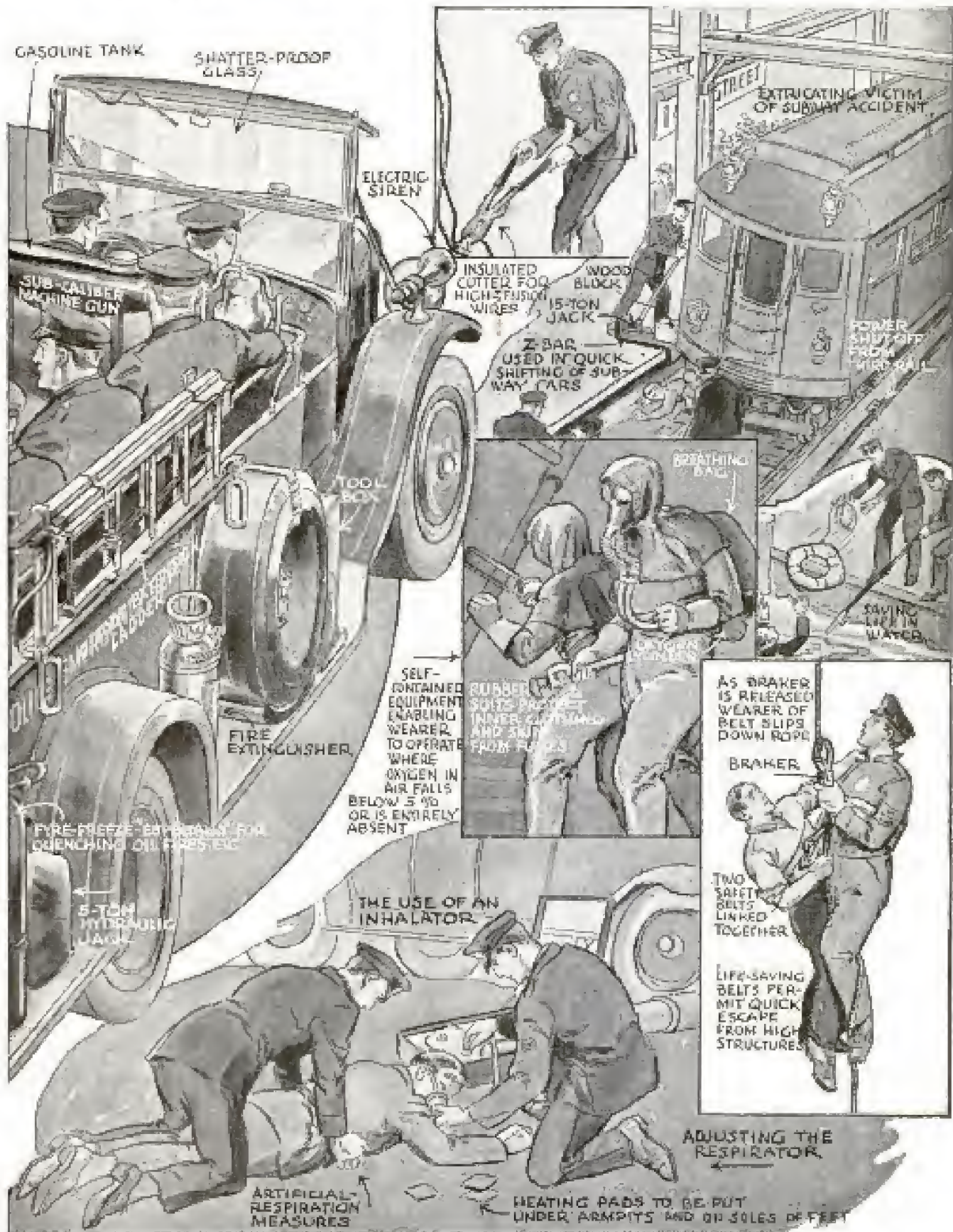
AIR LOG RECORDS FLYING TIME AS CHECK ON PLANE B1103

Automatically recording flying time, an air log has been produced to meter flying charges, to prevent unauthorized use of airplanes, and to check on maintenance and overhaul routine. The log is controlled by air pressure from the air-speed indicator and functions only when the speed of the plane is sufficient to support it in the air. One indicator on the log's dial records the time flown since the last resetting, while another records the total flying time. The action of resetting the first indicator automatically rewinds the time-recording mechanism.

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GROCERIES DISPENSED BY TUBE TO SPEED UP HANDLING

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This Tube System Releases Any One of Several Varieties of Bulk Groceries into Bag on Scales

Loose groceries can be handled faster and in a more sanitary manner by a tube dispensing system that also serves as a display device. The apparatus consists of covered bins that hold 300 pounds each. metal tubing from the bins to the dispenser and heavy glass display tubes just above the valves that release the groceries into bags or other containers. Located just above the grocer's scales, the dispenser spout can be raised or lowered to reach any size bag. When the correct weight has poured into the bag on the scales, a valve is closed, stopping the flow as simply as drawing a glass of water from the cooler. The device is adapted to rice, ground or whole-bean coffee, peas, beans, chick feed, and similar wares that ordinarily are handled by scoop. The bins can be placed on the floor above the store, to give more space, with only the tubes extending to the proximity of the scales.

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GAS RIDES GOLF GREEN OF ANTS

Ants are being exterminated from golf greens with poison gas. This gas, which does not injure the grass, has been tested

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by the experimental farms system of the Canadian Government, and is formed by releasing liquid carbon bisulphide, which turns into a heavy vapor. One method of application is to place a small quantity of bisulphide on each anthill. A wet sack about a foot square, left over the hill after it has been treated, will hold the gas in the soil and make the destructive effect more thorough. The gas is highly inflammable.

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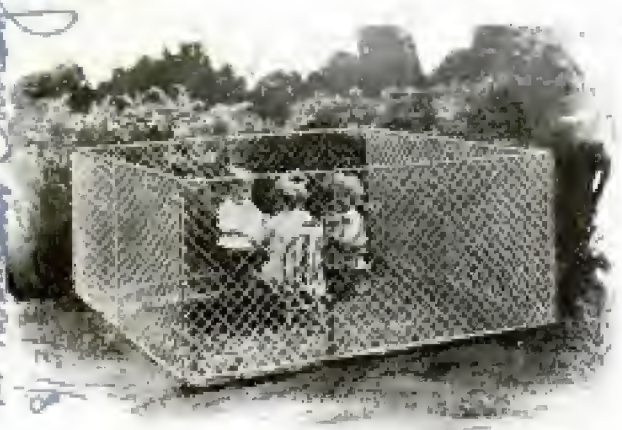
WINDSHIELD CHANGES COLOR AT PRESS OF LEVER

Colored fluid flowing between a double glass windshield protects the driver from glare of approaching automobile lights. A small pump containing the fluid forces the glass plates apart, flooding the windshield with a color that reduces glare. When pressure is released, the pump sucks the fluid back into the reservoir, leaving the windshield clear. The fluid can be produced in any color, and the arrangement can be adapted to headlamps to produce a fog-penetrating light, to shop windows for protection of delicate fabrics, and to many other uses.

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CHILD'S PORTABLE PLAY YARD QUICKLY ERECTED

Taken down, moved to another spot and erected again in a short time, a play yard has been devised for the protection of young children. Special clips hold the corners together, while legs on the sections are pushed into the ground to give stability. The play inclosure has a gate. Erection of the yard requires only fifteen minutes.



This Pen for Protection of Children at Play Can Be Moved around Easily in the Yard

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Gas Motor Helps Gold Miner in New "Rush"

Gasoline motors are helping thousands of men make a living in the gold fields of the west by turning machines for separating precious flakes from the sands of "diggings" that have been worked before. While few expect a fortune, many hope to wash a daily wage from the streams and gulches in the vicinity of old-time camps. The small motor pumps water, relieving the miner of bailing with a tomato can at



Instead of Bailing with Can, as in Bottom Photo, Prospectors Now Use Gasoline Motor in Placer Mining

er engine also is seen in the gold fields. Since the water for washing the gold-bearing sand can be used over and over, the panner is adapted to semi-arid regions. The machine can be packed in its water tank, all except the motor, and may be carried in the back seat of an auto. Another mining device operated by gasoline motor is a one-man separator that works like a cream separator, whirling the sands in a bowl provided with riffles that catch the gold flakes. This device can be transported on a two-wheel

trailer. One gallon of gasoline runs the separator six to eight hours.

OCEAN TO YIELD MORE POWER BY REMOVAL OF GASES

By adding a water-gas remover to his equipment for taking power from the sea, Prof. Georges Claude believes he will be able to increase the output. Before this

improvement, the greater part of the energy taken from the ocean was consumed in extracting the gas. Professor Claude not long ago succeeded in sinking a mile-long tube in Matanzas bay, by which power to light forty electric bulbs of 500 candlepower each has been produced.

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How Skillful are You



Skill Comes with Practice, So It Is Possible for a Person Who Knows How to Drive a Boat to Develop into a Race Pilot; Below, Simple Maze Puzzle for Children

ARE you skillful with your hands or are your fingers all thumbs, thus causing you to forgo employment or many hobbies that require skill? Just how skillful are you?

Scientists now say that if you are an average human being with normal intelligence, you can develop your latent or "sleeping" skill to do such widely diversified things as playing the piano, riding an aquaplane, making a chair or cabinet, darning socks and making a card or a coin disappear.

You can do all of these things, and many more if you wish, in spite of the fact that in music alone, according to the findings of one scientist, Prof. Carl E. Seashore, of Iowa, you may be employing as many as thirty or more talents, all of which may have only an accidental connection with one another.

Good mechanics, eminent surgeons, and other professional men, are admired for their skill which many believe was born in them. However, this and many other common beliefs that prevent young men and women from taking up certain lines of endeavor, have been disproved.

The hand is not quicker than the eye.



A good magician does not need a "spiel" or patter. Card sharps and gamblers do not need long tapering fingers and poker faces. A skillful surgeon or dentist may have clumsy-looking hands. You do not have to be a born musician. Practice doesn't necessarily make perfect. And the

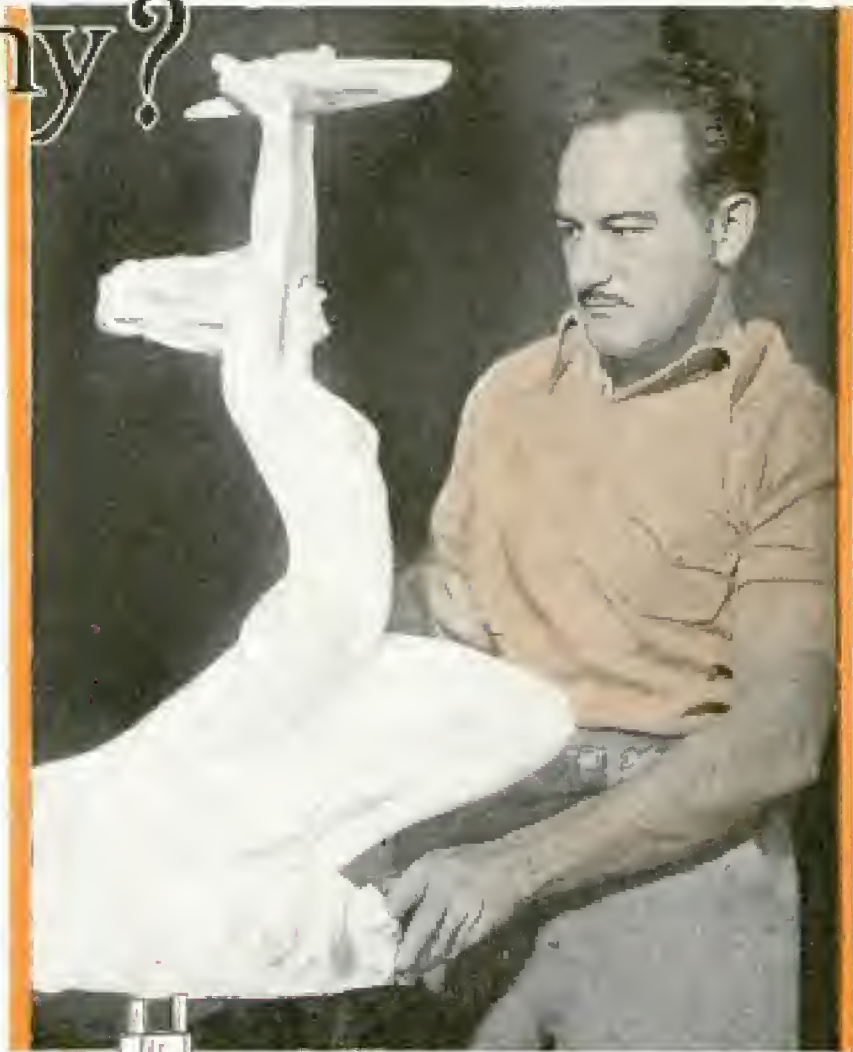
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fact that your father and grandfather were good farmers or painters doesn't necessarily mean that you can become a good farmer or artist any more than the belief is correct that a preacher's son will become a black sheep or that a woman is less mechanical than a man.

These are but some of the things that scientists have been finding out lately as they are focusing their attention on the human body as a machine whose production can be improved upon. Many novel instruments for this study have been devised so that certain actions and reactions may be charted and greater efficiency obtained.

Even the butter-fingered man is now coming in for his share of attention. Prof. Alexander Forbes, of the Harvard medical school, has shown that this man may have nerves that act quicker than his who is skilled. In experimenting, he discovered that a cat stepping on a thorn with its hind foot would jerk that paw away three or four-thousandths of a second before the nerves carried the sensation of pain to the brain. In human beings he found that quick-acting nerve reflex performs likewise, and that the quickness of this reflex in various people is independent of the skill of their hands.

Nerve orders to hands and arms have actually been photographed by Dr. D. W. Bronk, of the University of Pennsylvania,



McClelland Barclay, Painter, Makes Sculpture His Hobby; Skill in One Art Makes for Latent Ability in Another Which Can Be Developed



who recently took pictures electrically, showing nerves transmitting a man's will to keep his nerves tensed, the nerve orders arriving in jerks at the rate of twelve to a second.

The correct training in any field of endeavor requiring skill is largely the reason why you can become skillful in that line, but the training must be correct, for, no matter how much you practice, if you practice the wrong thing with a view of improving yourself, you may make it all the harder to get on the right path.

One of the world's greatest psychologists, Prof. Harry L. Hollingsworth, of Barnard, has made the statement that "any average human may acquire average skill in such diversified fields as carpentry, piano playing, needlework and aquaplaning." Besides that, with special

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practice, a man engaged in one trade or profession will readily acquire skill in another. A dentist, for example, may become a painter, a sculptor or a cabinetmaker, the skill developed in his hands being readily adaptable to other things.

No greater skill in the hands is demanded than that necessary for a good magician even in such apparently simple tricks as palming a card or making a coin disappear. One of the most skillful magicians of the present day, Julien J. Proskauer, trustee of parent assembly number one of the Society of American Magicians, a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, of the Syndicat International des Artistes Prestidigitateurs, of Paris, and a magician of many years' standing, says: "The average person, with practice may become a magician and a good one."

Harry V. Brill, superintendent of the New York Trade School who, for thirty-five years has been observing young men of seventeen years of age and upward take up such skilled trades as carpentry, cabinetwork, electrical work, sign painting, tin working and bricklaying, found that a great many of them succeeded, with a public-school education and a sleeping skill

in their hands the principal requirements. "The boy who fools around with wood-working tools when young," says Mr. Brill, "is very likely to become a skilled carpenter or cabinetmaker later on. At the same time, if he is clever with his hands, he will likely make a success of any skilled trade, the skill he develops in one line being applicable in another when supplemented by the required knowledge."

There are, of course, several industries and hobbies where the skill developed has to be supplemented by bodily structure, lack of fear and other mental traits. A man who can go through all of the motions of flying perfectly on the ground may, on finding himself alone in the



Vanishing Coin; Top, Preparing to Start the Trick; Center, Note Size of Hand and Amount of Movement on Ruler; Bottom, Back of Hand After Coin Disappears

air in a glider, suddenly become frightened and not be able to fly. The same thing is true with a skilled painter who suddenly must undertake a job on the upper stories of a building wall, and many other similar incidents. That is one reason why many tests for flying cadets have been discarded along with aptitude tests in many other lines where skill is required with bodily risk.

Bodily structure—the ability to stand fatigue, exposure, strain, etc., must also be reckoned with. Prof. John B. Morgan, of Northwestern University, recently invented a very ingenious device—a mechanical "sandman" that reproduced a humlike noise similar to that made by whirring

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machinery which hits the ears of many engaged in such skilled trades as woodworking and other industries.

The machine, made of electrical measuring devices

with a phonograph attachment to produce the hum, was tried on a girl, an electrode being strapped to her wrist to register nerve activity, a bulb was placed



in her hand to record pulse and blood pressure, and breathing was also measured. The dials showed her foot going to sleep as well as her entire body.



This mechanical sandman thus is a means of registering how greatly the hum of machinery impairs the efficiency of skilled workers.

Have you taken stock of your own "live" skill as yet to see how clever your hands are? Can you, for example, tie a bow tie correctly, shave with a barber's razor without cutting yourself, wash a window so it won't have "art work," and neatly press your trousers? These are all simple examples of skill that has been acquired more or less consciously with practice from youth. By as diligently practicing other things, your cleverness with your hands and the extent of your sleeping skill will give you a pleasant surprise.



Disappearing Card; Left, Top to Bottom. First Movement; Bending Fingers; Twisting to Flip; Back of Hand After Card "Vanishes"; Above, the Magician

Henry Dreyfuss, one of the art directors of Radio City, and a stage designer as well as consulting engineer at the age of twenty-seven, is making an enormous income. His bent was fixed before he was six years old when he used carrots to design ornaments for women's hats. Helen Wills Moody, the well-known young tennis player, acquired skill in pen-and-ink sketching to such a degree that she held an exhibition. McClelland Barclay, the well-known painter, found that his skill could be applied to sculpture. Julien J. Proskauer, as an army aviator, found that the sureness of his hands at the controls aided him in prestidigitation when he started to practice magic.

These are but a few examples of transference and development of sleeping skill, a subject which science is now investigating with a great deal of interest.

Is there some sport, business or hobby which you would like to engage in? May be your sleeping skill can be developed in that line. There is latent skill in every normal person. And you don't know how skillful you really are in anything until you try.

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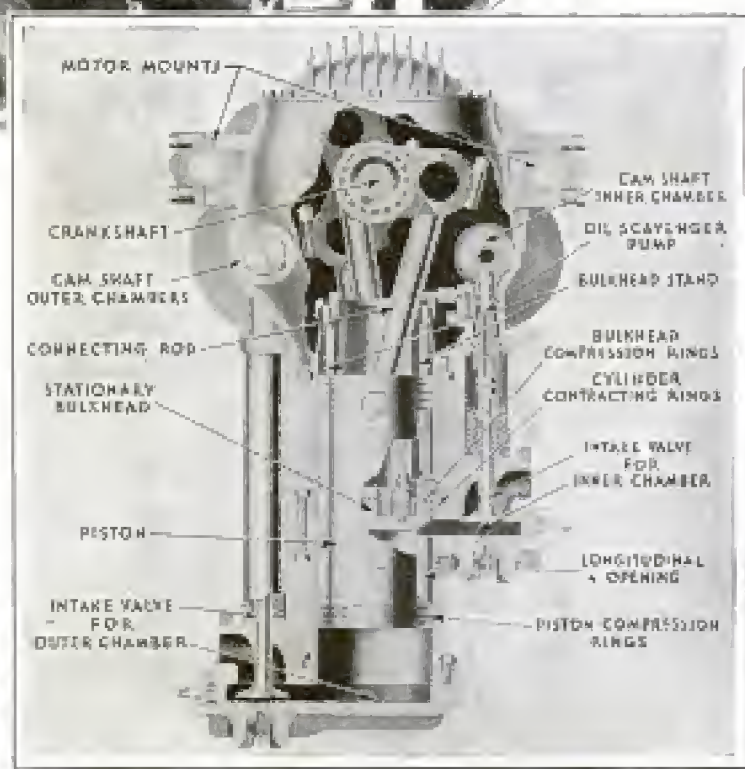
Amazing Airplane Motor Doubles the Power

Here Is Plane in Which Double-Action Engine Was Tested Successfully, Producing Ninety Per Cent More Power Than Ordinary Motors; at Right, Phantom View of Construction Details



entirely separated, it is necessary to use dual ignition, dual carburetors and dual manifolds. Smoothness of power, lack of vibration and speed of acceleration are features of the power plant, which does not differ from other six-in-line inverted air-cooled motors with the exception that the cylinders appear to be slightly longer and look like two sets of short

By applying the double-action principle of steam engines to an airplane motor, the power has been increased ninety-two per cent without added weight. The new motor really does the work of two, its six cylinders driving the plane 130 miles an hour at 1,500 revolutions and 160-miles-an-hour top speed at 1,850. Each cylinder fires at both ends, the primary explosion of fuel forcing the piston downward, as in other motors, and the secondary explosion forcing it upward. This second explosion occurs within the piston, by means of a slot that admits fuel, and the arrangement is such that no exhaust gases can escape to the firing chamber above the piston. Since the two firing chambers are



ones. Fuel consumption in tests has been about the same as for similar engines.

CEMENT GRAINS "FLOAT" ON AIR FOR GRADING BY SIZE

Floating on air, cement grains are graded by size in a separator that is regarded

as more accurate than the common sieve arrangement. To meet specifications, seventy-eight per cent of cement must pass through a sieve having 40,000 holes to the square inch. The largest cement particle

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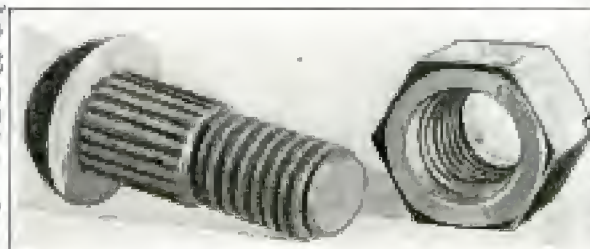
that can pass this test is about 100 microns (.004 inch) in diameter. Under the new grading system, a small quantity of cement is placed in a tall cylinder with a cone-shaped base into which air is pumped. Air, rising one-half foot a minute, carries off only those cement particles below five microns in size. These are collected in an air filter. As the speed of the air is increased, larger particles are lifted, so that adjustment will result in accurate separation. To check the accuracy, particles are placed on a glass slide and projected on a screen by an apparatus that magnifies 1,000 times. Measurements are taken from the screen.



This Improved "Lung" Helped Stop an Epidemic of Colds in Monkey Cages; One of the Patients Is Shown under Treatment

RIVET-BOLT FOR STEEL WORK STOPS NOISE

Riveting noises in structural-steel work can practically be eliminated by a rivet-bolt that is driven with a hand hammer and fastened with a nut. It needs no heating, and since it is driven in cold, there is no shrinkage, resulting in a tight fit. Regardless of vibration, the lock thread holds the bolt tight, but when the time comes for dismantling the structure, it may be loosened easily with a wrench without damage to the steel work. The bolt has a standard rivet head, a body ribbed as far as the thickness of the steel plates and the usual threads for screwing on the nut.



Rivet Is Driven In by Hand and Made Fast with Nut; No Heating Is Necessary

MECHANICAL LUNG SAVES APES IN EPIDEMIC OF COLDS

When an epidemic of colds developed in the monkey house at a New York zoo, a mechanical "lung" was constructed to save the apes. The lung consists of a large boxlike compartment in which the ape is placed. Outside, a kettle containing a pine solution is kept at boiling point. Vapor from the kettle flows into the cage through a tube, so that the animal's cold is treated with every breath. Monkeys are highly susceptible to colds, and great care is required to prevent fatal results.

LENSES OF PLASTIC MATERIAL USED IN FLASHLIGHTS

Replacing glass, a new plastic material has been used successfully for flashlight lenses. The material is a solution of formaldehyde. Its main use is for clock casings and similar articles, and it can be made in a variety of colors.

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ROLLING STAIRS KEEP OFFICE OPEN DURING MOVING



This Stairway on Wheels Rolled Along as Building Was Moved, Avoiding Interruption of Business

Wheeled stairs helped to keep business going in a two-story building that moved several blocks in Boston. As the building moved, the staircase rolled along, providing access for employees and customers. A regular flight of stairs was built and made fast to the door, which was raised several feet above the street level during the moving operations. The lower end of the stairs was set on a pair of rubber-tired wheels. This plan also eliminated the necessity of reinforcing the stairs each time the building was moved a few inches, as well as avoiding the dangers of ladders. A telephone-installation expert provided uninterrupted service over six trunk lines, two private wires and ten inside stations as the building moved.

LIGHTS TELL TEMPERATURE OF HOME IN COLORS

If the temperature rises or drops too much in your home, a new electric thermometer will warn you by flashing colored lights or by going dark completely. The warning lights can be placed any distance from the thermometer. When the tem-

perature is within the limits at which the thermometer is set, a white light shows. If the temperature rises, a red light flashes, below normal, all lights go out.

FOLDING RAFT FOR AIRPLANES ELIMINATES CARRIER SHIP

Eliminating expensive carrier ships, folding raft for landing airplanes has been tested in the Mediterranean. It consists of a ramp and raft made of wood and canvas that can be unfolded and run out from the stern of warship or merchant vessel. The surface, as large as the deck of airplane carriers, is strong enough to withstand the landing shock of the heaviest plane in the British navy. The raft can be unfolded rapidly while the battleship or liner moves at full speed. Another suggested use for the raft is as a "folding aerodrome" for a ship-to-shore service on passenger and mail vessels.

"BLIND" FLYING IS MADE SAFER BY GYRO HORIZON

"Blind" flying is made safer by an instrument called the gyro horizon. In addition to simulating the natural horizon, showing the plane's position longitudinally and laterally, the instrument gives the exact degree of a bank. This added feature results in more accurate banking and in keeping the plane level laterally when climbing or diving blind.



Flying at Night or in Fog Is Easier with This Instrument That Shows Level of Ship

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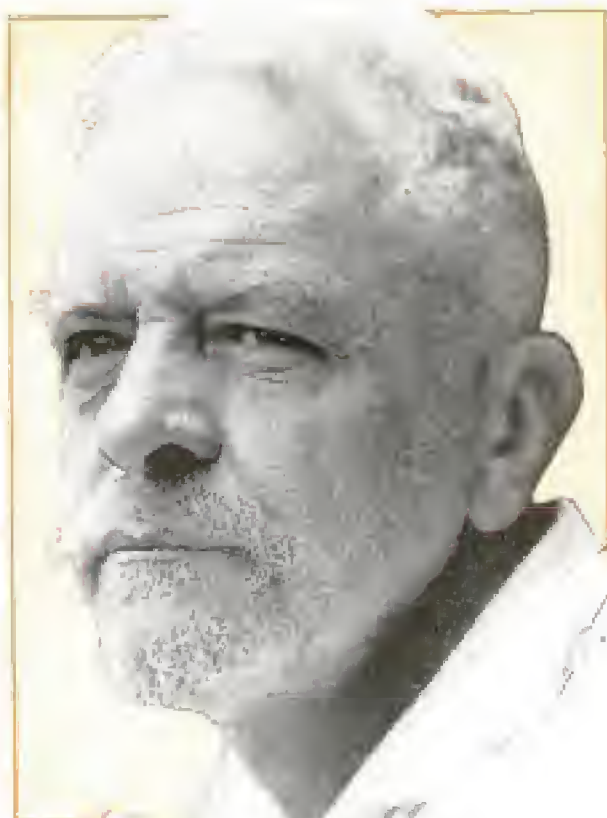
When you see "will not" you will find much information

Secrets of the Master Spies

By THOMAS M. JOHNSON

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THE last day of the Hindu plotters' trial was ending. Spectators were leaving the San Francisco courtroom where they had heard the sensational story of a conspiracy to start a bloody revolution against the British in India.

A world-wide conspiracy, which involved hundreds, including the famous poet Tagore, Japanese statesmen and Chinese mandarins, Russian bolsheviks and American reds, in plans for an uprising in Tibet, bomb explosions in New York and California, and an armed expedition to India from our Pacific coast.



Colonel George Fabyan, in Whose Laboratory the Secret Messages of the Hindu Plotters Were Decoded.



American and British secret services had thwarted the conspiracy, captured the conspirators, of whom thirty—some white-skinned, some dark—were on trial. One of their number, Dr. Chandra Chakravarty, caught in New York by Inspector Thomas J. Tunney, had recently confessed. Ram Chandra, best-known Hindu in America, had given testimony that enraged some of his fellow conspirators. One of these,

Ram Singh, now forced his way toward Ram Chandra, through the crowded courtroom.

Suddenly, the brown man's arm darted forward. There was a flash, a crash. Ram Chandra fell, clutching for support at the witness chair. Over him stood Ram Singh with a smoking pistol. But instantly, his triumphant smile turned to a hideous grimace. He spun about and fell beside his victim, his neck broken by a .45 bullet. A second shot had rung out, over the heads of the frightened throng, fired by Marshal James B. Holoahan. Justice had been swift. Next day the twenty-eight surviving plotters were found guilty.

The prelude to those scenes was another, also startling and dramatic, that showed the amazing results of the work of that

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that he had solved that code without the dictionary.

Calmly Major Friedman showed messages that the Hindus had sent one another and the British mail censors had intercepted—rows and rows of figures, apparently meaningless, but he read off their meaning unhesitatingly. The dark prisoners started, wriggled uneasily, then glowered at one another. Had one of them sold out this secret? Or had the American used some eastern

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"Your letter via Norway received. Regret you did not give names committee members. During tension between America and Germany we requested Foreign Office wire you fifteen thousand dollars. Do not know if this was paid you. Subsequently came telegram asking money. We wired five thousand dollars. Trust you have received this. When you want more money state exact sum wanted in dollars and brief statement for what wanted. Will get any sum you ask.

Chatterji."



Top, Dr. Ernst M. Sekunna and Dr. Chandra Chakravarty, Who Confessed Plotting against British; Below, Code Message and Translation

mysterious yet scientific detective, the code and cipher man, the cryptanalyst. Maj. William F. Friedman, now the leading American authority on secret writing, had sat in the same witness chair and testified that the Hindu plotters had corresponded with one another in a dictionary code that they believed unbreakable, but

trick? They vowed vengeance, Ram Singh muttering to himself.

There was neither treachery nor trick. Now for the first time can be told the story behind those tragic courtroom scenes, the true story of how Major Friedman solved the secret dictionary code, and not only without the dictionary, but without even

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in Relative Frequency of English Speech Sounds " Harvard Press 1923

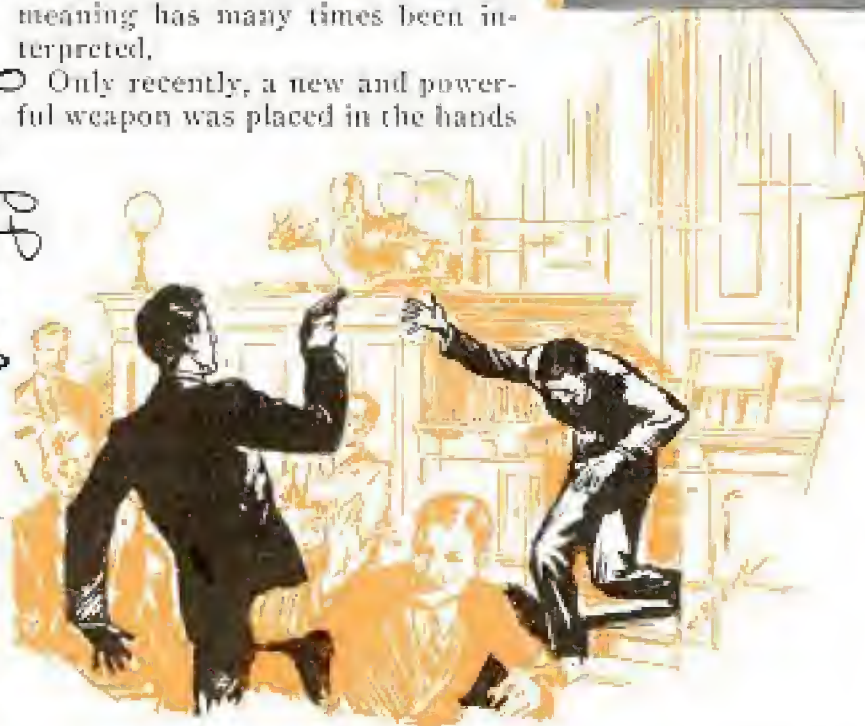
knowing what dictionary the Hindus had used. He followed a rule of cryptanalysis that may be simply stated: Some words are more popular than others.

That is the mystic key that opened to him the hidden places of the Hindus' plotting. That mystic key means simply, that if a man sits down to write a letter, a telegram, a message, anything, there are some words that he is more likely to use than others. There are 400,000 words in the dictionary, but close, painstaking study has shown which of those words, and even letters, are most popular, most used in written English, and even the relative frequency with which they are used. The results of this study have been charted, put on paper as "frequency tables." By carefully checking the words, letters, even the mysterious hieroglyphics of code and cipher messages, against these frequency tables, their hidden meaning has many times been interpreted.

Only recently, a new and powerful weapon was placed in the hands



Inspector Thomas J. Tunney Helped Break Up Plot; Left, Drawing of Trial during Which Two Conspirators Were Shot



and 1,000 made up 78,336 of the 100,000 words.

He found, too, that the ten words most used were, in order of frequency: THE, OF, AND, TO, A, IN, THAT, IT, IS and I.

The relative frequencies of letters of the alphabet in different languages and in different classes of correspondence, have been studied by cryptologists for years. Col. Parker Hitt says that Americans use letters in this order: E, T, A, O, N,

I, S, H, R, D, L, C, U, F, M, P, W, G, Y, B, V, K, X, Q, J, Z.

Then there are common pairs of letters, like ER and RE, and common word endings, like ING, ENT and TION.

So although, to you and me, most code or cipher messages may appear like a blank door, the cryptanalyst holds a key

of code and cipher experts when Prof. Godfrey Dewey counted, listed and analyzed all the 100,000 words in a rather long book. He found there were 10,161 different words. He also found that:

10 words made up 26,677 of the 100,000 words;

100 made up 54,303 of the 100,000 words.

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that he is quick to try to fit into the hole afforded by the words and letters listed first in the frequency tables, or upon the word STOP that people like to put into telegrams. That was the key Major Friedman used, one day in the stirring year 1917, when he was director of the cipher department of the Riverbank laboratory, at Geneva, Ill., headed by Col. George Fahyan. It was a war-time secret, but that laboratory did some very delicate work for the United States government. It solved the secret messages, whether in invisible inks or simply in codes and ciphers, that fell into the hands of various branches of the secret service, showing the work of hostile plotters within our borders. This was Colonel Fahyan's important contribution to the national defense. When he received the first of the Hindu messages, he turned it over to Major Friedman.

"What can you make of this?" he asked.

It was a long sheet of paper, filled with nothing but numbers, long rows and columns of numbers, arranged in short groups. Major Friedman studied them, then pointed out three consecutive groups that were typical: 78-2-46; 35-1-17; 122-1-52.

"There are two clues," he said. "In each of the three groups, the second and central figure is always a one or a two; the groups are of three numbers. Both clues indicate a dictionary code, by which people having the same dictionary communicate by writing groups of numbers, giving that word's exact location in the dictionary. So, the first number is usually the page, the last, the word itself. A second number means the dictionary page is divided into columns, and as here the second number is always one or two, our Hindus

used a two-column dictionary—but there are hundreds, thousands of those. Let's read the message first, then find what book was used."

"It wasn't so hard as it sounds," Major Friedman explained afterward, "thanks to

the principle of frequency. Since each number group meant a word, we recognized favorite words by frequent recurrence of the same number groups, and by the relative positions of the various number groups in the whole sequence of groups. For example, in any dictionary, AND comes before THE, so the code group for AND will be smaller than for THE, but the group for YOU, at the back of the dictionary, will be larger. We can even block off a dictionary into twenty-six sections, corresponding to the number of words begin-

ning with each different letter of the alphabet. Andre Langie has discovered that, in Webster, words beginning with A form 6.43 per cent; words beginning with B, 5.35 per cent; words beginning with C, 9.82 per cent, and so forth.

"Now, suppose that in a cipher message, the numbers extend from 1 to 100," Major Friedman continued. "Then, following the above scheme, a number between 1 and 6 will represent a word beginning with A; a number between 7 and 12 will represent a word beginning with B, and so on to Z on page 100 and a few preceding."

Then began a process of thrilling interest—the search for the first weak spot in the plotters' armor, common words like THE, OF, AND, STOP, betrayed by the position and frequency of number groups occurring over and over again. Triumphant the cryptanalysts got the first break—99-2-14 means YOU, which is on



Zimmerman, German Minister of Foreign Affairs, Who Was Accused of Fomenting Hindu Uprising

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page 99, column 2, fourteenth word, of the dictionary the Hindus used. And now here is 99-2-17. Must be a different word, but only a few beyond YOU and in the same page and column. The searchers feverishly consulted several dictionaries, and found the only words between YOU and YOUR are YOUNG, YOUTH, etc. So the second discovery, 99-2-17, is probably YOUR.

One discovery led to another, as following patiently, relentlessly the principles of frequency, the Riverbank staff under Major Friedman worked out the message. It began: 78-2-46—35-1-17—122-1-52, meaning COME AT ONCE.

They had solved a message in a dictionary code, not only without a copy of the dictionary used, but without knowing what dictionary it had been!

By such work, Major Friedman helped British and American secret service break up a dangerous plot and convict many of the plotters.

CAMERA HUNTERS IN AN AUTO "CATCH" ZEBRA IN ACTION

Making moving pictures of wild zebras in action presented unusual difficulties to a recent expedition in west Africa because of the great speed of these animals. A remarkable series of action photographs finally was obtained by using two autos. The camera was set up in one, while the other chased the animals bringing them within range of the movie apparatus.



Making Moving Pictures of a Wild Zebra from a Speeding Automobile After Another Car Had Chased Animal into Camera's Range

FIVE TONS OF SOOT PER MILE FALL YEARLY IN LONDON



Observer Removing One Month's Catch from Soot-and-Dust Gauge in London

Dust and soot from London's air is trapped by a funnel-shaped device and dropped into a bottle for chemical analysis and measuring. The gauges have aided in determining that five tons of soot fall over each square mile of the London area every year. Dry or mixed with rain, the dust can be measured accurately by placing the gauges at a number of observation points.

FLYING BOAT TWICE "DO-X" SIZE TO CARRY FORTY TONS

Designed to have a loaded weight twice that of the German "Do-X," the world's largest flying boat is under construction in Holland. A payload of forty-two tons will be the craft's capacity. Ten engines of 1,000 horsepower each will drive the boat at 130 miles per hour, turning three air screws through an arrangement of shafts. So large are the dimensions of the hull that work will be done at a shipyard instead of in the airplane builders' shops.

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Hollywood Rivera glider course



Glider Pilot Demonstrating His Skill at Bursting a Balloon with a Lance after Swooping Down on the Target

GLIDER PILOTS STAB BALLOONS TO SHOW THEIR SKILL

Glider pilots in California recently engaged in a balloon-bursting contest to demonstrate their skill in handling their craft. Each flyer glided down a mile-long course aiming at a balloon attached to the end of a lofty support. As he passed the target, he attempted to stab the balloon with a lance in the manner of the jousting knights of old. The sport was introduced as part of the qualifying work in selecting a team to represent this country against foreign gliders in a meet planned by the American Glider association.

SACRIFICIAL MOUND OF INDIANS YIELDS VICTIMS' BONES

That the ancient Indians practiced human sacrifice has been proved by the finding of four skeletons in a Missouri mound. A seven-by-nine-foot pit was found, with the bones at the bottom. The bones, all small, are believed to indicate that the vic-

near Arrow Rock

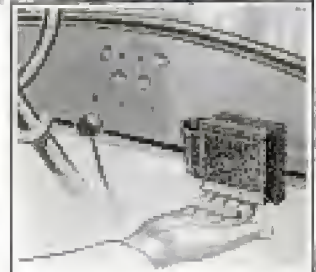
tims were women, perhaps offered as a sacrifice to the fire god, whom the early Indians worshipped. Boulders, so heavy that each taxed the strength of four men to move, were in such a position that they probably were used to pin the living sacrifices to the floor of the pit. The rocks had been burned red by intense heat. Charcoal in the burial mound was that from oak wood. Backs of the victims' skulls were not burned, indicating that they were laid face up. Construction of the sacrificial vault shows that the Indians knew the principle of the arch. Rocks used to build the walls and roof were so well fitted that only cement was lacking for perfect construction.

SPLITTING OF OIL DROPS TO SAVE FUEL

Globules of furnace oil, no larger than match heads, have been broken into 100,000,000 particles by a process recently developed by engineers of the General Electric company, which promises great fuel economy. The achievement is the result of five years of study which ended in the staging of an elemental "battle" between oil and air under pressure. They are then brought into a collision which causes a fine atomization, so that the tiny particles are more readily converted into a gaseous hydrocarbon which burns more completely than fuel oil heretofore used.

CIGARET HOLDER FOR AUTOS ACTS AS HUMIDOR

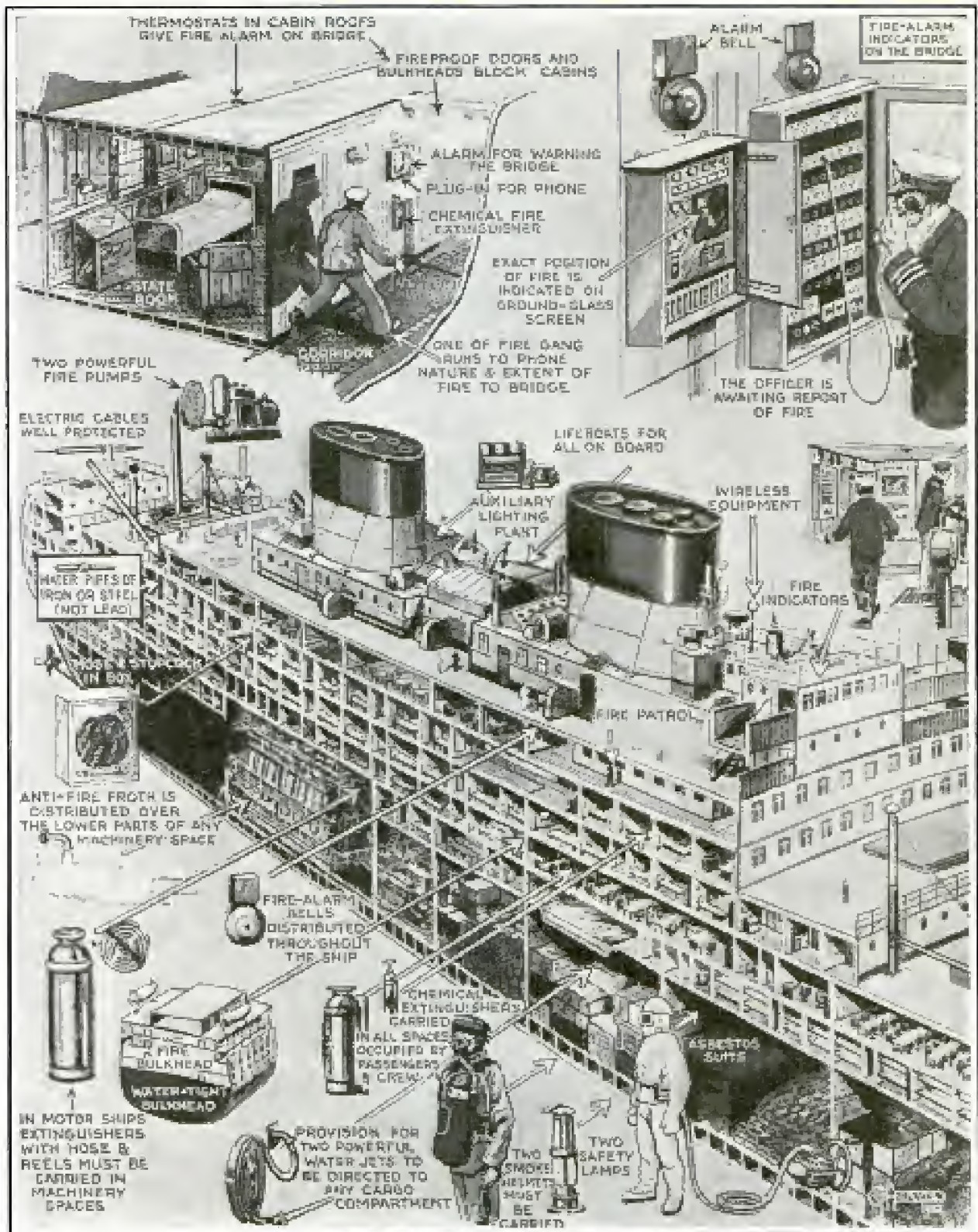
Keeping cigars fresh, a combined container, dispenser, humidifier and ash tray has been designed for automobiles. The capacity is twenty cigarettes, which are dispensed by touching the bottom of the container.



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Protecting the Modern Liner from Fire at Sea



Courtesy The Illustrated London News

MODERN ocean liners are equipped with fire-fighting systems as complete as that of any up-to-date city. Here are shown the protective appliances on one British vessel, including thermostats

in each cabin to give automatic warning to the officer on the bridge. One of the crew investigates the fire and reports back to the officer who can call the fire patrol or ring alarm bells throughout the ship.

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Experiment conducted by the
I. S. Farben (German Dye
Trust) at their new works

Autos to Wear Gas Masks in "Odorless City" in Brandenburg



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Left, the Canary, Little Martyr of Gas Experiments, Is Used in Testing Exhaust from Auto; Center, Apparatus for Purifying Exhaust Gases; Right, Experimenter Wears Gas Mask in Fight to Cleanse City's Air

In the "odorless city" of the future, automobiles will wear gas masks. Poisonous and disagreeable fumes from gasoline and oil-propelled vehicles will disappear, making it unnecessary for a city's inhabitants to wear gas masks, as has been suggested. Already, research laboratories are working to this end, testing the effectiveness of filters that may be found suitable for use on automobiles. By running an engine in a tightly closed room, experimenters protected by gas masks are seeking to determine how much poisonous matter must be removed from an automobile's exhaust gas to make it harmless and inoffensive. Canaries are used to warn the workers when the gases become too concentrated.

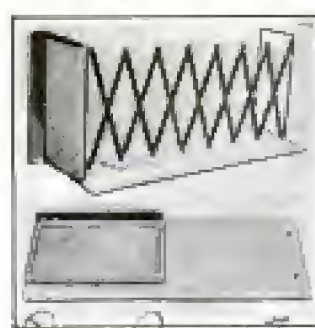
TALKIE FILMS MADE OF PAPER CUT COST AND FIRE RISK

Reducing production costs and fire risks, a method of making sound film or "talkies" on paper has been tested successfully in Germany. Any number of copies can be made from the original celluloid film, a

photographic copy of which serves to make electros of the voice tracings. The record is printed in rows, side by side, on paper strips. These rows form a continuous record. Since four rows are printed on each strip, a 1,000-foot strip contains 4,000 feet of record, sufficient for a forty-eight-minute performance. The method is applicable also to radio broadcasting.

AUTO LUGGAGE CARRIER FOLDS UNDER RUNNING-BOARD MAT

Carried under an aluminum mat on the running board, a new luggage carrier unfolds along the side of the automobile to hold suitcases and bundles. When not in use, the rack is folded back under the mat, making it invisible. Opening or closing requires only a minute.



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**MAGNESIUM ALLOY
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 Lighter than any other aluminum alloy, an aircraft-construction material is replacing duralumin for engine castings and forgings. Its main constituent is magnesium, which makes it rust and corrosion-proof. In England, the alloy is used for propellers, being lighter and stronger than wood or duralumin. They do not split, corrode or warp. Magnesium alloy also is used as a wing and fuselage covering, for engine cowlings and for wheel fairings and spats, door and window frames, etc.

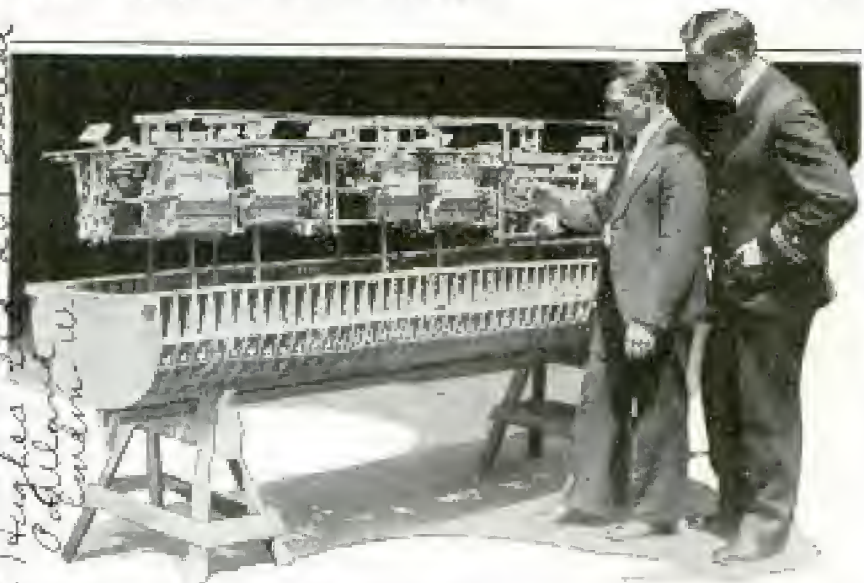
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**ELECTRIC TEE MEASURES DRIVE
 AT TWO MILES A MINUTE**

For the first time it is possible to measure the speed at which a golf club is traveling when it strikes the ball. By teeing off from a photo-electric tube, designed by the General Electric company, Jim Reynolds, national driving champion in

When Golf-Club Head Passes Photo-Cell Beam, Speed of Drive Is Measured.



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 1930, discovered that the speed of his drive was 125 miles per hour. The photo-electric cell, or "electric eye," makes such measurements possible.



This Model of the United States "Pocket Battleship" Has Won Commendation from Navy Officials for Its Aid to Draftsmen

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**MODEL OF POCKET BATTLESHIP
 HELPS NAVY DRAFTSMEN**

Helping draftsmen in preparing plans for four new vessels, a model of the United States' "pocket battleship" was constructed by an employe of the navy, Charles E. Bollog. It took him 720 hours to build, but the finished model brought him a letter of commendation from Assistant Secretary Jahnke for the help it gave draftsmen working on the "pocket battleship" plans.

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**TOY INVENTIONS AID TRAINING
 OF MODERN CHILDREN**

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 Patent-office reports indicate that toy inventors today are giving the modern American child credit for having more imagination and reasoning power than it did a few years ago. Many toys now being produced show the influence of the kindergarten, challenging the ingenuity and assisting in character building as well. Some of the newer ones are of the type that persuade elders to join in the amusement. Electricity has exerted quite an influence on toy development, and among this class of playthings is a fire engine which leaves the fire house when an alarm is sounded, pumps water out of a hose and runs a ladder into the air. There are also patents granted daily on improvements on the old stand-bys, such as dolls.

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 (Burnt bones are used in American refineries for filtering and whitening sugar.)

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Close-Up Shows Huge Chest and Menacing Face of Gorilla

By **COMMANDER ATTILIO GATTI**

Leader of Seven Expeditions to Africa

"**S**ARANGA, Saranga," the pygmy witch doctor intoned, "Saranga, god of the rain, take away the clouds, do not throw all your water on the poor Mambuti." And the diminutive man waved his spear commandingly toward the great black cloud which we could see through a small opening in the green dome of the equatorial forest.

The scene really was impressive. And numerous experiences had given me so much faith in the magic of the blacks that I surprised myself by looking open-mouthed at the stormy heavens, expecting

to the immense and threatening world in which they live, and to the powerful, gigantic apes which are their only neighbors.

The pygmy kingdom is the infinite equatorial forest, where, no matter how fit we feel nor how well-trained we are, we cannot walk except with enormous difficulty and without becoming at once exhausted by the rarefied atmosphere at 8,000 to 10,000 feet of altitude, and drunk from the heavy miasma rising from an entire world in putrefaction. To advance costs a terrible effort as one must open his way through the matted entanglement of lux-

to see at any moment a flash of blue sky appear and a beautiful sun peep through to lighten that heavy, oppressive atmosphere in which I felt lost and depressed.

"Saranga! Saranga!"

But evidently that day the god of travelers wasn't in the mood to give me a nice little story on black magic. And Saranga, the rain god, certainly must have been very busy elsewhere. For both of them deluged us with such a rainstorm as I never saw before.

This was my first intimate glimpse into the working of the pygmy mind in the earliest few days of my life with the Mambuti in the Tchibinda forest where I had come to study the gorillas and the pygmies. But, in spite of this introduction, I began to like and to admire these diminutive caricatures of men whose tiny stature and apparent physical weakness are in such a shocking contrast

Among the

Pygmies and Gorillas

uriant vegetation, among trees and vines, brambles and thorns and rank undergrowth of every kind.

But the little pygmies, merely helping themselves with the hook of their characteristic machete, weave in and out through every smallest opening, their miserable naked bodies sliding through seemingly impenetrable thickets, going forward with a speed which their small thin legs would never lead one to expect. Fresh, untiring, they push on indefatigably, always maintaining a perfect sense of direction.

The impression of dramatic contrast is increased when one thinks that the tiny Mambuti for centuries and centuries have been the only natives daring to hunt the gorilla, the absolute master of the equatorial forest



Above, Taking Pictures of Gorillas with a Gun Handy; Below, on the Way to the Jungles Inhabited by Gorillas and Pygmies

and the biggest and most powerful and ferocious of all the apes.

Not only is "ngagi" the greatest of the apes, but it is one of the rarest and least known of African animals, and surrounding it are innumerable stories and legends of the most ghastly character.

I do not know how true are all the stories one hears of natives carried off prisoners by the gorilla and sent back a few days later with the nails of their fingers and toes torn off by their captors, and of kidnaped women,



Examining Body of a Gorilla for Marks of a Pygmy Spear Which Injured It When It Attacked These Little Men Years Before

But the experiences I myself had during some months spent in the forest proved to me very clearly that, when in a fury, he is a very dangerous beast, probably the most dangerous of all African animals. And his strength is really terrifying.

One day the pygmies had guided me very near to a family of ngagi which, in a small clearing, were avidly devouring some bushes, a sort of wild onion which is their favorite food. Among the curtains of the vegetation I was watching the

movements of the group and preparing myself to take some photographs when—"S-c-c-h," the attacking cry of the leopard, sounded at my left. I turned quickly. It was Kasciula, chief of the tribe, perfectly imitating the leopard's cry, resorting to that strategy which I afterward learned was a common one with the pygmies to infuriate the gorilla.

That sound let loose a pandemonium in the small clearing. Females and young, with surprising agility and swiftness, climbed to the branches of the trees, while three males jumped to their feet and, long arms hanging below their knees, shoulders hunched, swayed on their short wide-spread legs, slowly turning their monstrous heads from side to side with the air of stupid ferocity of powerful animals ready for the most desperate defense or the most audacious attack.

Leading the other males, his head towering above the rest of the group, the leader of the tribe waved one enormous fist threateningly in the air and beat upon his chest with the other, making a booming sound like a large drum.

"Bwana, kill the great ngagi! Kill Moami Ngagi!" the diminutive pygmy chief whispered to me

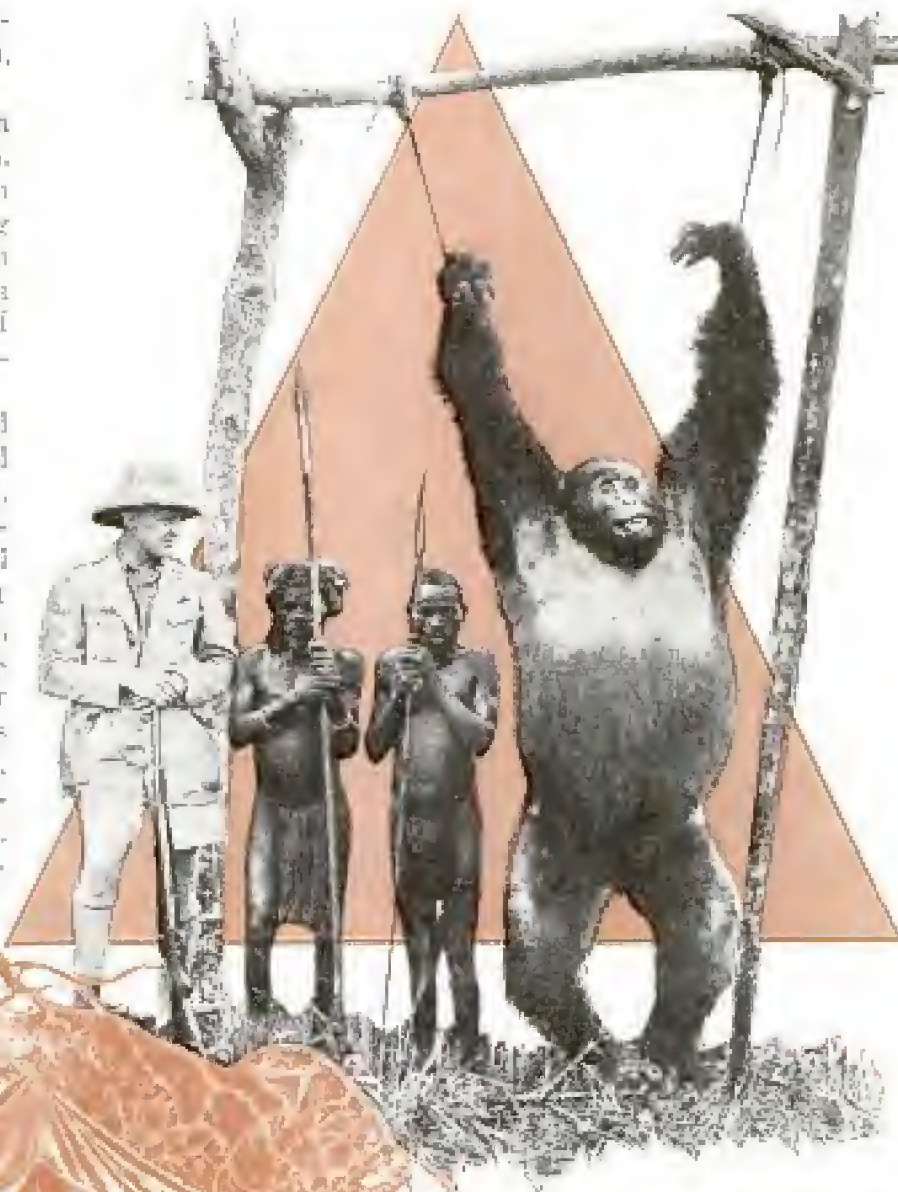


White Explorer of the Jungles and His Pygmy Guides Who Possess Uncanny Sense of Direction

in a tone of concentrated hatred, "Pum, pum, Bwana!"

"Pum pum" is not a word of Mambuti origin. The pygmies got it from me, since I, not knowing how to express to them the idea of discharging a gun, made the gesture of firing and shouted an energetic "pum pum."

On my refusal, the old chief once more repeated the cry of the leopard. He was immediately answered by a terrible howl of hate from the giant ape which, wild with fury, closed his deadly fingers around a small tree near by. Without moving his gaze from our direction, without giving the impression of any effort, just with a simple move-



Giant Specimen of Gorilla Shot during the Jungle Expedition



ment of his hands, he snapped the trunk in two with a crackling sound like a cannon shot. Then, brandishing this formidable weapon, he advanced a few steps emitting another howl but of a very different character. It must have been an order, for the other gorillas trotted away,

had so easily broken away the upper part. It was not a very large tree, but it was of extremely hard wood. And when, just to make an experiment, I wanted to test the comparative value of human strength, it took me and all twelve of the Mambutis

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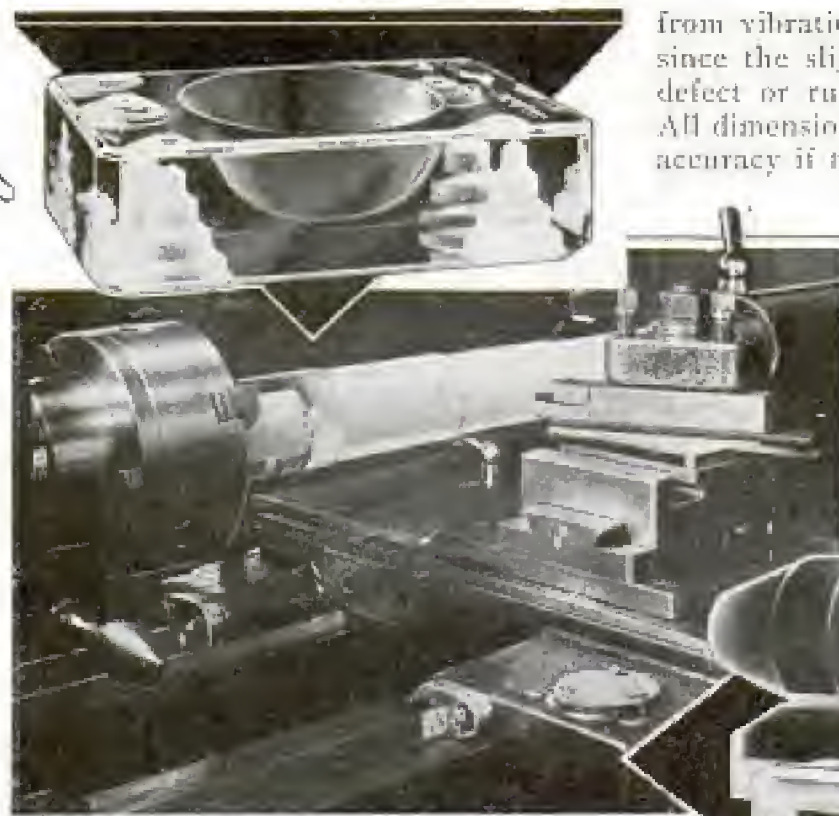
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Glass Machined Like Metal with New Tool



from vibration as possible must be used, since the slightest variation will cause a defect or ruin the whole block of glass. All dimensions can be kept to the utmost accuracy if the operator is careful, and a

Some Examples of Machined Glass at Top and Right, and Grinding Equipment in Center

Glass, marble, porcelain and other brittle materials can be machined like metal by using a new super-hard cutting metal called "widia." The process is different, however, since no shavings are split off. Instead, only very slight edges and bits are torn from the glass surface as the tool is applied to the rotating block with extreme caution. Machine tools as free

glass tap turned on the lathe will fit so closely as to be inserted or withdrawn only with considerable effort. Glass vessels in many shapes already have been produced, while the process and the super-hard metal enable the execution of novel decorations.

"NOISE HOUNDS" CHASE SOUNDS IN TALKIE STUDIOS

One of the strangest jobs in the talking-picture studios is that of the "noise hound." He does not make noise but hunts it down and eliminates it. It is his job to find the unwanted sounds that seem always to be echoing about the studios and remove the causes. For this purpose, he uses a voltmeter testing apparatus and an ear trumpet. Whenever the man who regulates the sound apparatus reports some extraneous noise that interferes with recording, the sound detective goes to work. Time was wasted not long ago when

a gurgling sound was heard while one picture was being made. It finally was traced to a drinking fountain just outside the camera's vision, difficult to find because it was heard only when an actor or workman took a drink. Sometimes a "bug," brought on by electrical vibrations, causes the trouble, and once a cricket stopped work on a picture until it could be located and removed. A toad caused trouble in the making of one film, and the hiss from a valve in a fire-protection sprinkler system made some objectionable noise in another picture. When animals are used in scenes, some sudden noise, like the clapping together of two boards, is

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them quiet if the sources from them are wanted. Flies often stop work on a set, and sometimes a chaser is employed to find places on a set where echoes originate.

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MAGNET MEASURES CYLINDER WALLS

Resembling the "potato-masher" grenades used in the world war, an electromagnet device measures the thickness of cylinder walls in an automobile engine. Heretofore, irregularities in iron castings could not be discovered except by cutting open the engine block. The tester is lowered into each cylinder. If the wall is above or below normal thickness, a pointer on an indicator reveals the variation, giving a check on foundry operations. Variations in thickness result in uneven heating and warping of the engine.

*Picture Perimeter and
 Ironing in
 Hobson*



This One-Man Ferryboat Has Capacity for Twelve Vehicles; Note Operator's Tower on Stilts; Entire Craft Is Built of Steel

MIDGET FERRYBOAT OF STEEL IS WELDED WATER-TIGHT

Made of welded steel plating, a pair of ferryboats are plying the Hudson river. Welded tight like bottles, the boats are declared non-sinkable. Steering and control of the seventy-horsepower engine are done by one man in the pilothouse, which is supported on steel stilts above the deck. Each ferry has space for twelve cars.

*Internal steel bracing system
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Thickness of Cylinder Walls Is Measured Quickly by Inserting Tester in Engine

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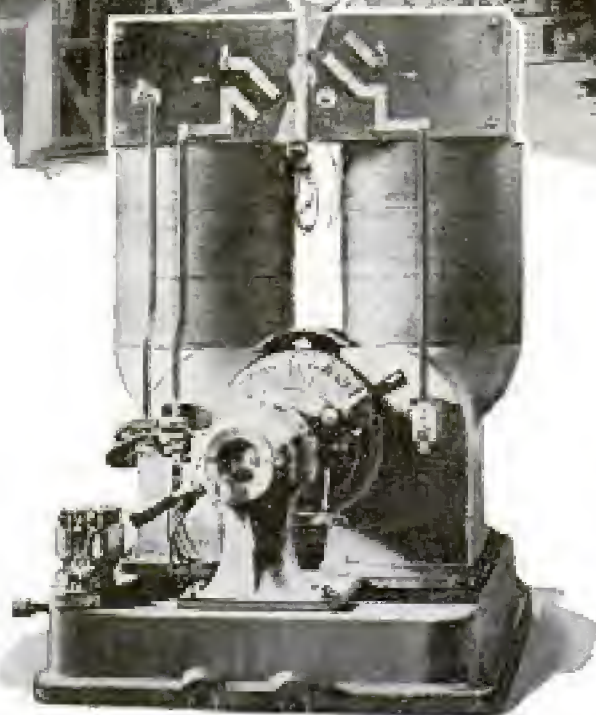
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Top, Boys of a Los Angeles Playground Constructing Model of Famous Krupp Steelworks in Germany; They Have Spent Two Years and \$2,000 Building This Model, Which Is Twelve Feet Long, Five Feet High and Contains a Traveling Crane, Drill Press, Planer and a Dozen Other Tiny Machines, All Electrically Operated; an Electric Train Runs through the Works; Left, Edison's First Generator



By JAMES M. CHALFANT

NCESSITY is not always the mother of invention. Many discoveries have been purely accidental, or hinged directly on some slender thread of circumstance.

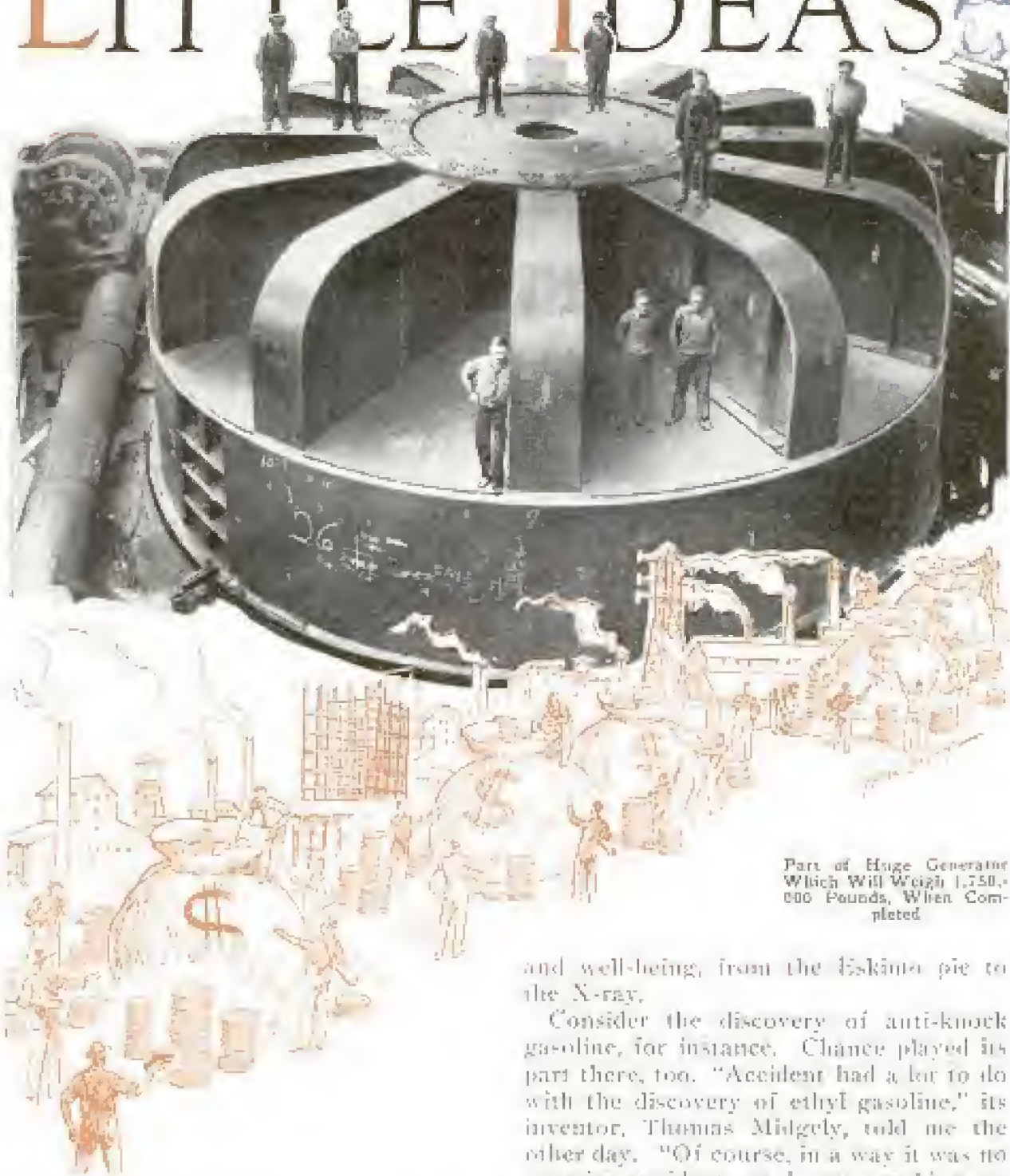
Something goes wrong. The expected fails to happen, but the unexpected points the way to something better. Occasionally, even in some blunder or misfortune, somebody gets a lucky break—gets it be-



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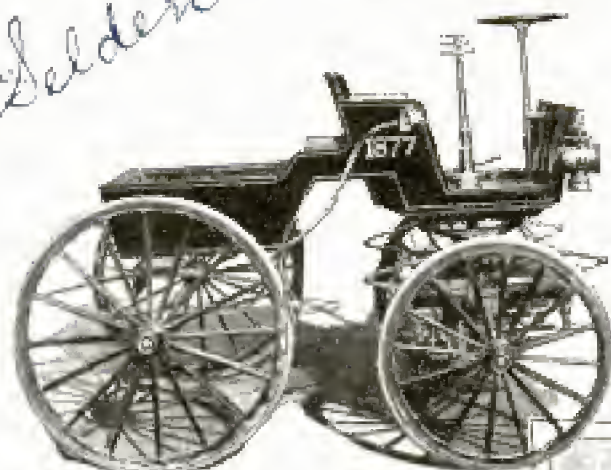
cause he is able to recognize it when it comes along.

The classic example, of course, of the successful failure is Christopher Columbus failing to find a western route to the Indies but discovering a whole new world. In the world of science and invention, the happy blunder has been responsible for many things contributing to our pleasure

and well-being, from the Eskimo pie to the X-ray.

Consider the discovery of anti-knock gasoline, for instance. Chance played its part there, too. "Accident had a lot to do with the discovery of ethyl gasoline," its inventor, Thomas Midgely, told me the other day. "Of course, in a way it was no surprise accident, as I was working on the theory that an anti-knock gasoline could be made.

"You know, there are accidents and accidents. One kind you have no control over whatever. The other you more or less invite and encourage to happen to you. Charles Kettering, of the General Motors research laboratories, puts it in this way: 'You go into a dark room. You know there is a chair there somewhere in

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the blackness. If you stand perfectly still, you'll never find it, but you know that if you start wandering about, sooner or later you're bound to run into it. The finding of anti-knock gasoline was that kind of accident.'

"I was working on the theory that a colored gasoline would not knock. That isn't true, but of course I had no way of knowing that at the time. I took some kerosene to the chemical laboratory and told the man in charge of the chemicals that I wanted an oil-soluble dye.

"What do you want to color?" he asked.

"I want to color some kerosene," I said.

"Well, there aren't any oil-soluble dyes in the stockroom," he replied, "but if you want to color kerosene, this iodine will do it."

"Of all the thousands of chemicals he might have picked, by sheer chance he picked the one that turned the trick, for when we used the iodine to color the kerosene, took it back and ran the motor on it—the knock was gone. Then it took seven years of hard work to find out why it killed the knock and to find the tetraethyl lead used today as an anti-knock."

There would seem to be no connection between a cut finger and the high explosives of modern warfare, but there is. Alfred Nobel, the Swedish chemist, cut his finger one day in the laboratory. Dissolving some guncotton in ether alcohol, he swabbed the cut. He had been searching for an absorbent and solidifier of nitro-

glycerine. And as he watched the sticky substance slowly hardening to an elastic film on his finger, the thought came to him that may be this substance would do. He mixed the extra collodion with nitroglycerine. It set to a jelly. Thus blasting gelatin was discovered.

Many men believe that substantial profits from inventions have only been forthcoming from projects which required fabulous capitalization. The converse of this



Top, Early American Motor Car; Note Front Wheel Drive; Below, Some Little Ideas That Made Big Money

statement is nearer the truth. Some of the simplest of inventions have made a fortune for the inventors, and, frequently, served as the foundation of an entirely new industry.

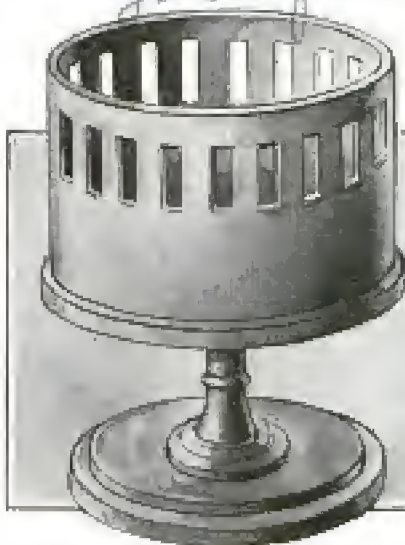
It is not necessary that a budding inventor devise an entire system of locomotion, in order to become financially independent. He need not develop an entire plant to make his product, nor design all of the machinery to manufacture the item.

The present generation well remembers when Lee De Forest introduced a small grid of wire into an exhausted tube of glass, containing two elements and known at that time as the "Fleming valve." The Fleming valve had a filament which could

be heated to incandescence, and a circular plate surrounding this filament. Had it not been for the introduction of this grid, broadcasting would probably not exist today.

This wire grid put the radio set into your homes. It made fortunes for broadcasting companies. It was the beginning of a new industry. Without it, we would have no talking pictures in our movie houses. Without it we would not have a Rockefeller development of \$250,000,000 now being erected in New York popularly called the Radio City. We would not even be thinking about television. Verily, a many billion-dollar industry was founded on this little grid of wire.

radio



Many will remember the magnesia bottles with their rubber-covered glass stoppers, held in place with a leverlike wire arrangement. De Quillfeldt is said to have made \$15,000,000 out of this idea. Then along came William H. Painter, the son of a poor Quaker farmer living in Montgomery county, Maryland. After investigating the prior art in the field of stoppers, something which the inventor ordinarily does not do, Painter, then for-

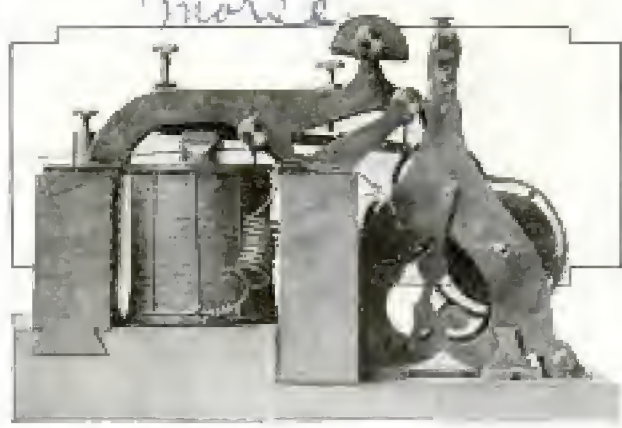


Top, the First Arc Light; Left, the Wheel of Life Which Held the Pictures Shown Below, and Started Thomas A. Edison on His Moving-Picture Inventions

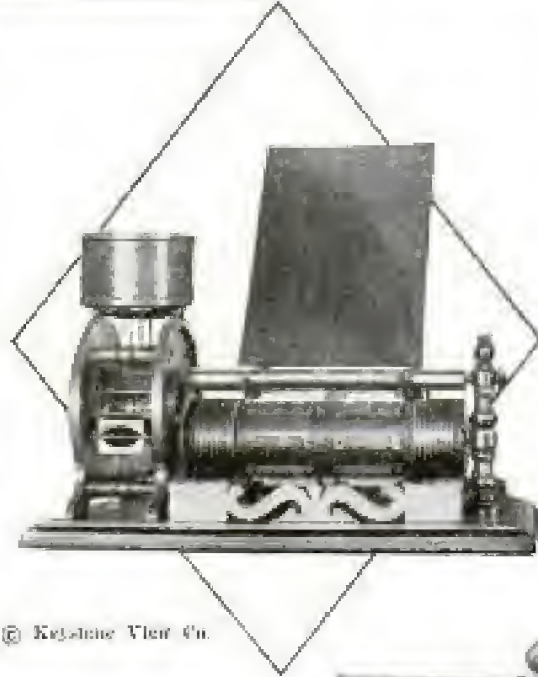


ty-three years old, in 1883 invented a cork of rubber, cloth and a wire staple which was to be forced into an annular groove around the neck of the bottle. This was not a success. But Painter did not give up the ship. After two years of experimenting, he brought forth the metal cap with corrugated edges and a cork insert, now seen on almost every bottle of pop. In 1892, a new company was formed under the name of the Crown Cork and Seal company, with Painter as president at a salary of \$20,000 per year and royalties of one cent on every gross of the caps. Not much of a royalty, to be sure, but today, one company alone manufactures the staggering quantity of 80,000,000 gross per year.

Used on telegraph line
Invented by S. H. B. Morse

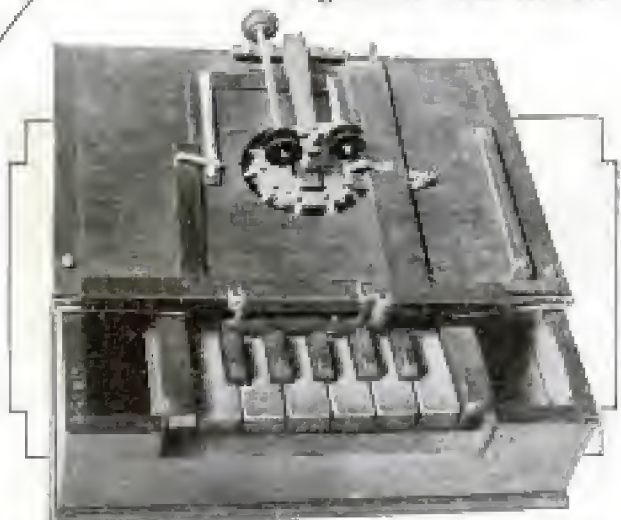


L. Gates. Gates invented what was called an electrical questioner. This is a small board with a number of pins projecting therefrom. A card, punched with holes, is printed with a series of questions on one half of the face of the card, and answers on the adjacent half. A pin projecting through one of the question spaces is wired to an answer pin. Two terminals, held in the hands, are then applied to different pins. When the proper pair are touched, a buzzer sounds. The game is educational. The student touches the question pin and must then find the proper answer pin to make the buzzer sound.



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This product was first made by the Electrical Questioner company which failed. David W. Knapp took over the idea in 1890. He paid the inventor fifty cents royalty for each one sold. Three or four years later, Mr. Knapp purchased all rights to the inven-



Top, Morse Telegraph Register; Center, Edison's Voting Machine; Below, First Typewriter That Worked. This was the beginning of the Knapp Electric company, which later went into many other fields. The electric questioners are still being manufactured and sold at a rate of 150,000 a year.

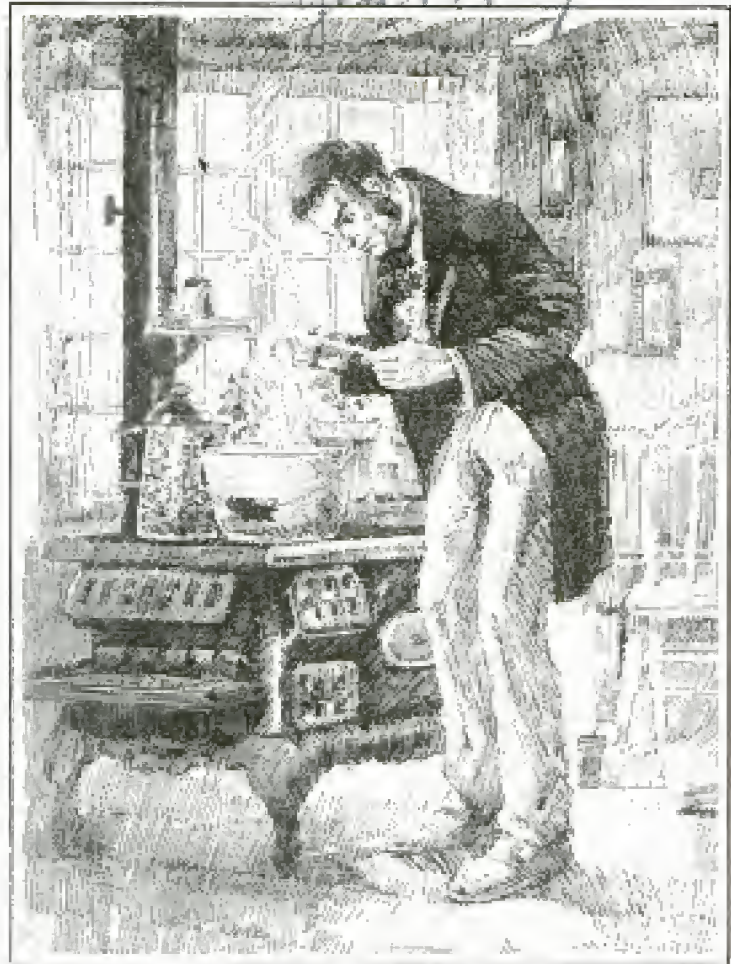
At the age of twenty-one, Humphrey O'Sullivan landed in New York fresh from the County of Cork, Ireland. He had a fair knowledge of the printing trade. After working at it for three years, he found that he was not getting much better off. He then joined his brother in Lowell, Mass., in a shoe-store business. For twenty-one years both brothers worked at a salary of \$15 per week. At the end of that time they had the finest store in Lowell, with stock valued at \$45,000, and \$25,000 invested in real estate. One day Humphrey heard that a man was selling heels for shoes, made of rubber. He bought a pair, but they were thick, hard and heavy. They had to be screwed to the shoes, and after walking on them for a day, the rubber was worn down to the screws. In 1899, Mr. O'Sullivan took out a patent on the rubber heel which made him famous. This had countersunk metal washers in the rubber. But there was no market for the heels. O'Sullivan believed in high-pressure advertising methods. He made the public demand the rubber heel. Today, many companies are making rubber heels. Another million-dollar industry, but here, the first market had to be created.

A demonstration of a case where the inventor did not make as much as the man who converted the invention into a salable article is found in the patent of Waldo

A traveling salesman for the Crown Cork and Seal company, King Camp Gil-

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lette, was once told that he should try to invent something which, when once used, would be thrown away. In 1895, Gillette had the good fortune to try to shave himself with a dull razor. He hit upon the idea of a safety razor and made a model of brass and clock spring. For six years after the invention, nothing was done with it. The path was not an easy one. Finally W. E. Nickerson, a technology graduate, was called in. He not only perfected the razor, but also designed much of the machinery to manufacture it. Two young lads, who had to borrow \$3,000, became the agents for the razor. Three years later, the Gillette company bought them out for \$300,000. In less than seventeen years after the patent was allowed, this little contribution to modern man was earning \$4,500,000 a year in profits.



Courtesy Goodyear Rubber Co.



Top, Charles Goodyear Discovering How to Vulcanize Rubber in 1839; Below, First Well That Produced Oil

The paper shopping bag, with the piece of cord running through holes in the top and down the sides of the bag and under the bottom to reinforce it, was the product of Walter Henry Deubener. He made the

bags by hand at first. Today, they are made by the millions with automatic machinery. A shipping tag, in its first form, had a hole punched at one end. Dennison pasted two small rings of paper around this hole to reinforce it and realized a new paying industry. Buttons were, at one time, sewed on shoes and easily ripped off. A man by the name of Heaton invented a small wire staple to take the place of the sewing operation, and realized a fortune. A small hump, in a piece of wire, was the forerunner of two industries. One of these humps was put in a small wire hook which together with an "eye" was used to fasten women's dresses together. These

hooks had a habit of coming undone. The hook with a hump monopolized the industry, and is still being so advertised. The hairpin with a hump also made a fortune for its inventor.

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Electric Ear Used in War on Singing Tires



Chart Shows Relative Measurements of Noises: Right, Apparatus Used in Reducing Sound of Auto Tires

There is no such thing as a noiseless tire, a recent study indicates. Even the plain ribbed type of tread, the nearest practical approach to no tread at all, has its peculiar set of noises. As the tread design is increased in roughness, the noise becomes greater. These and other facts were revealed by means of an "electric ear" built into a test car. The car consisted of a microphone mounted in a padded steel box anchored on the rear seat of a sedan after the cushion had been removed. A tube, fitted closely about the microphone, protruded through the bottom of the car and had its opening at a point a foot to the right of the left rear wheel. Sound picked up by the microphone was led through a filter that removed effects of wind noises, leaving only tire sounds, which were measured in terms of decibels of sound. The electric car demonstrated that tire noises come from three main sources: impact of the tire on the pave-

ment, pavement roughness and clatter of tire design on the pavement. Any motorist who has paid attention to the noises made by his tires will recognize most of these conditions. Of the new tires tested, those having plain ribbed treads—grooves running around the circumference—were the quietest. Next came treads having center ribs. Those with the most broken-up designs were most noisy, although it was found that, by staggering designs, such tires could be made quieter. After 1,000 miles of run-



ning, all tires had become more noisy, the causes including such defects as bad heel and toe wear. At the end of 3,000 miles, all noise readings were less than for 2,000 miles, where only one tire had showed a decrease, the result of rapid tread wear. The tests, conducted by B. F. Goodrich Rubber company engineers, may lead to

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eventual elimination of tires that sing and produce other objectionable noises; but at the same time the electric car has found that tires refuse to remain absolutely noiseless.

SIX HUNDRED MILES AN HOUR TOP RATE OF FLYING

Ultimate top speed for airplanes with present wing characteristics is 600 miles per hour, according to conclusions reached by the National Advisory Council for Aeronautics following a series of experiments in the world's highest speed wind tunnel at Langley field, Va. These tests, run at air speeds as high as 800 miles per hour, demonstrated that racing-airplane wing designs now employed develop prohibitive "drag" above 600 miles per hour. Present-day propellers which turn at 1,800 revolutions per minute also may waste power, the experiments showed. At that speed, the tip of the blade is traveling so fast that it hinders rather than aids performance.

FINS INCREASE SPEED OF BOAT WITHOUT ADDING TO POWER

Increasing the speed without adding to the power plant of racing boats is possible in a new design produced by Dr. O. G. Tietjens, of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company. An arrangement of fins causes the boat to rise completely out of the water as it gains speed without losing stability. The speed is said to be almost doubled.



Tests of Speed-Boat Models Built with Fins Reveal Surprising Increase in Speed

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VEST HOLDS TEAR-GAS SHELLS FOR PRISON GUARD

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Guard, Wearing Vest Filled with Tear-Gas Shells, Is Loading Riot Gun for Emergency

Designed for use in prison mutinies, a vest containing the proper assortment of tear-gas ammunition has been produced for guards. Hung up in the gun room, the loaded vest is available instantly. The cartridges with which the vest is loaded shoot tear gas from fifty to 500 feet. There are pockets for eight gas grenades and eight gas shells for use in riot guns. Elastic holds the cartridges in place. Relieved of carrying the grenades and shells in his hands, the guard is free to operate his riot gun or to throw gas bombs.

MISPLACED IONS FORM HABITS BY ACTION IN NERVES

Habits are formed by the action of ions, infinitely small units that are a part of the electrical impulses by which the nerves carry messages to and from the body. Dr. John N. Washburne, of Syracuse University, in presenting this explanation of how habits are formed, says that when a message is delivered by the nerves, two or three ions become misplaced. Afterward, when a familiar event or stimulus reaches these ions, they forthwith repeat their first mission—and so a habit is formed.

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Director, Bartholomew Research Foundation, Phila.

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Fitting Rubber Tires to American Railways

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Top, Stainless-Steel Rail Car with Rubber Tires; Below, View of Front Trucks and Interior of the Coach

Only a little over a century has passed since the first steam trains filled the hearts of early settlers with astonishment. From the crude wood-burning locomotives and small wooden coaches, great strides have been made by the railroads. And yet, until last year, the basic principles of railroad coaches were little removed from their first ancestors. True, the cars were larger, more comfortable and luxurious, but their

weight increased correspondingly. The expense of moving the coaches had risen in the same proportion. Then, last year, M. Michelin, the famous French tire manufacturer, built a car which differed from anything heretofore used on rails. A very light coach was constructed and equipped with rubber tires. The results were astounding, well-nigh unbelievable. Another noted pioneer, Edward G. Budd, of Philadelphia, American licensee of various Michelin motor-wheel patents, saw this car and, realizing its importance, began to adapt it for high-speed transportation on American railways. Engineers developed a system of stainless-steel welding, as it was found riveting lacked strength, added weight and increased the expense. Ordinary welding methods destroyed the most im-

portant feature of stainless steel, namely its rust-resisting power, and so the new system was devised. Thus the Michelin tires and the stainless-steel construction jointly succeeded in producing something which promises to revolutionize rail traffic. The average railroad car weighs from 130,000 to 240,000 pounds, for the movement of which some 300 to 900 horsepower are needed, at an operating cost

Budd Shot Weld system

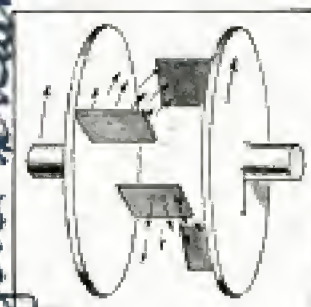
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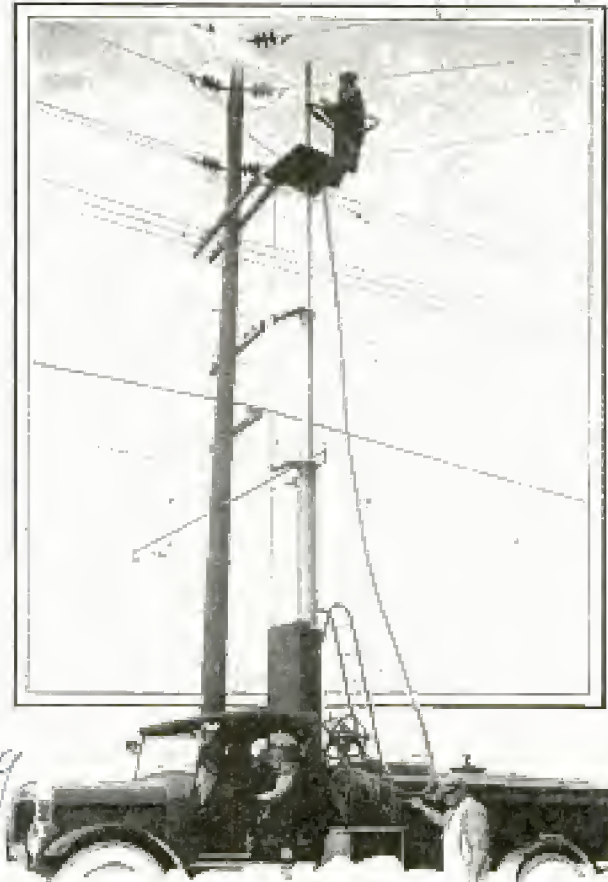
ranging between thirty-five to sixty-five cents per mile. The new rail car weighs only approximately one-ninth of the average coach. The power required to move it at the same speed, amounts to merely ninety horsepower and the cost is only eleven to twelve cents per mile. Due to the greater lightness of the cars, together with the superior traction of rubber on steel, the acceleration is far greater than that of ordinary cars. At a speed of sixty miles per hour, the cars can be stopped within 400 feet. Besides the attractive features of quietness and smooth riding, of soft diffused light and comfortable seats, another new feature promises to increase the popularity of these cars. It is the air-conditioning process, so successfully applied on dining cars and several crack trains of an eastern railroad.

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FLUID FLYWHEEL GIVES POWER THROUGH OIL FLOW

Performing the functions of both flywheel and clutch, and contributing greatly to increased performance flexibility and operating ease, the fluid flywheel is gaining acceptance among European automotive engineers. It consists of two members, driving and driven, but the two members do not make direct contact. Instead, torque is transmitted by the force of oil flow thrown off by the driving member upon the driven member. At idling speed of the motor, the force of the flow is not sufficient to actuate the driven member, but as the engine is accelerated, the force



of impingement becomes so great as to overcome the resistance, and the car moves off just as when the conventional clutch is engaged. In a recent demonstration of the advantages of this power engagement, it was proved impossible to produce jerky clutch action. No matter how sharply the motor was accelerated, the car gathered speed smoothly. In a test of minimum speed performance, the car demonstrated its ability to idle in high gear at less than one mile per hour rate.



Fighting Fire at Top of Power-Line Pole from Tower Truck That Carries Own Water Supply

POLE-TOP FIRES FOUGHT IN AIR FROM HIGH TOWER

Rising from a specially built truck, an extension tower carries the fight to fires on top of power-line poles. When a pole catches fire from short circuits or failure of insulators, several trucks speed to the scene. In four seconds, the tower on each truck rises to the height of the pole, carrying men to pour water or chemicals on the flames. The truck carries a tank containing 650 gallons of water and fifty feet of hose, in addition to chemical extinguishers, so it is unnecessary to hunt fire hydrants or to attach the hose. Fifty gallons of water per minute are pumped onto the fire. The towers operate like hydraulic elevators. A platform on top of each is large enough for two men. So speedy is the equipment that insulators on five poles can be drenched with water and chemicals in eight minutes. Another use is for cleaning insulators quickly, eliminating the tedious process of climbing each pole.

ⓂA coal-tar and stone substitute for asphalt has been developed abroad.

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SLOW MOVIES AID



Top, Cartoon Animators at Work; Below, Film of Grizzly Which Animators Watch in Slow Motion to Study Muscle Action

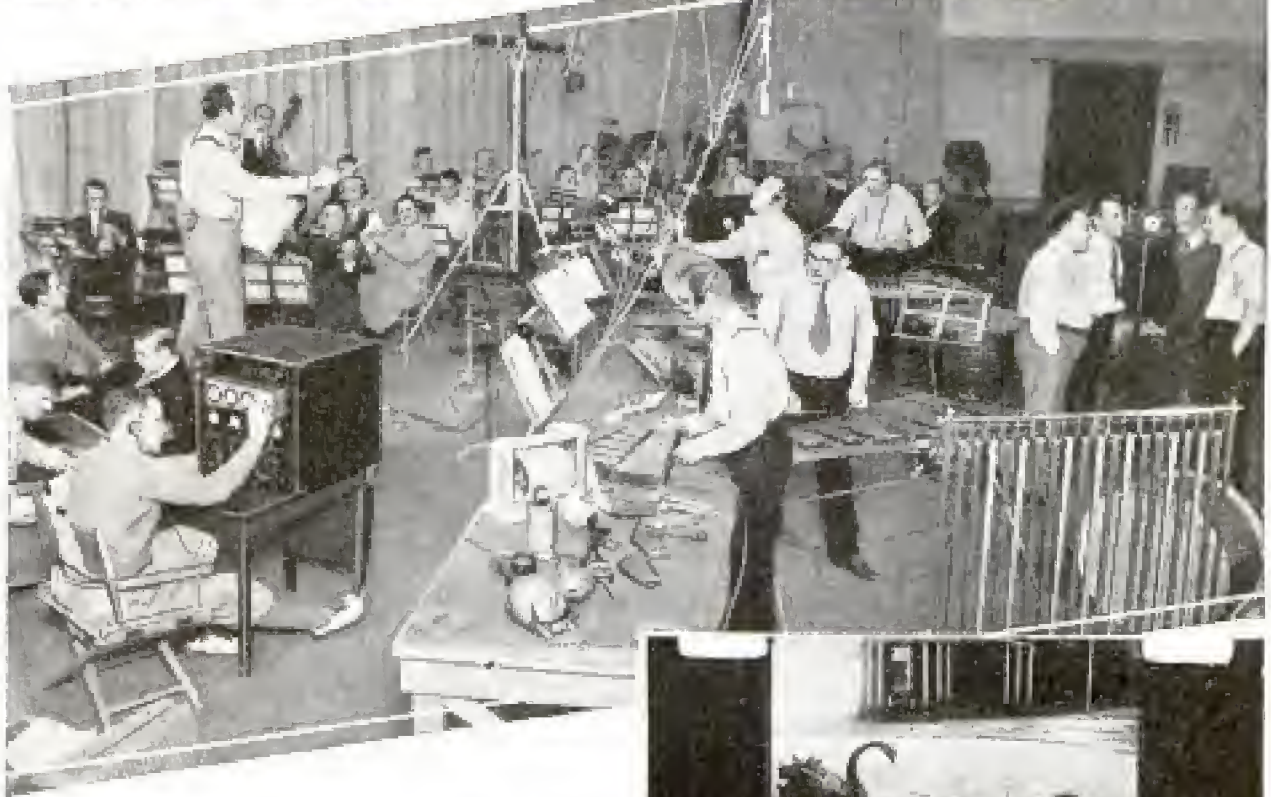
WHAT positions do the leg muscles of an animal—say a big grizzly bear—take when it is galloping? Just walking? What gives it that ungainly gait? How do certain birds, swans, for instance, achieve their grace of movement, and others, like the pelican and the secretary bird, their comical carriage?

To answer these and related questions visually, "Walt" Disney, creator of "Mickey Mouse" and "Silly Symphonies," is making an interesting series of slow-motion pictures, showing living animals and birds in action.

Such a series, when complete, says Disney, will not only permit his animators to analyze the muscular movements of beasts and birds scientifically, but it will also provide a permanent source of reference and study for his staff. Thus "gag" men watching the films can garner new ideas for comic sequences while animators can produce hilarious effects by exaggerating the correct muscular action, though keeping their subjects reasonably believable.

At present the series consists of bears, swans, pelicans, owls, macaws, turtles, and others, all of which have characteristics

MICKEY MOUSE

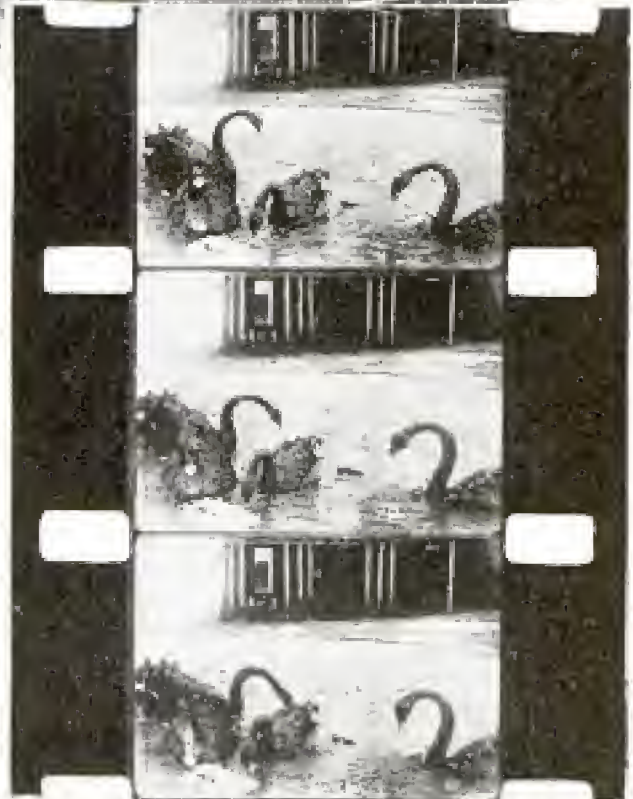


which lend themselves to comedy. With some it is an air of injured dignity; with others, solemn importance. Slow-motion pictures accentuate the carriage of the individual animals, making it easier for artists to reproduce their traits in ludicrous caricature.

"The secretary bird, with its long strides and grave demeanor, is a comic strip in itself," Disney said. "Put a little silk hat on him, give him a briefcase, get that important walk of his into your sketches, and you have a riotous cartoon character right there."

What future pictures will compose the series, Disney has not decided. Whether he will select the common or harnyard variety of birds and animals, or those which are already nature's caricatures in the flesh, is yet to be determined.

The original reels of the series were shot in zoos during a vacation trip in the east, Disney said. He made them merely for his own amusement, and with no thought of starting a "reference library." Upon his return to Hollywood, however, he showed them to his animators and studio staff. Their keen interest and enthusi-



Above, Producing Sound Effects for Animated Movies;
Below, Movie Strip of Water Fowl

astic comment convinced him of the worth of adding to the series.

Animated cartooning as practiced today is a highly organized endeavor. To meet exacting schedules pictures are turned out in two weeks or less month after month, although 10,000 to 12,000 drawings must be made for each seven-minute picture.

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Siphon designed by Paul P. H. and installed by Paul P. H. at Terre Haute, Ind. 15 ft. and 300 ft. level. See letter in fiction file. Harry Harbuck Co. Engineers, American River & Laundry Co. Terre Haute, Ind. also consulted.

How Water Is Drawn from Open Quarry, at Left, through the Siphon and Dropped into Mine Shaft at Right

SIPHON SUCKS QUARRY WATER INTO "BOTTOMLESS" HOLE

Solving an expensive pumping problem, a siphon is keeping an Indiana shale quarry clear for excavation by sucking the water into an apparently bottomless hole. Although the siphon draws 1,000 gallons per minute from the eight-acre quarry and empties it into the shaft of an abandoned mine 300 feet away, the water level in the shaft remains the same. The old mine is 400 feet deep, while the shaft has a constant water level of 173 feet, regardless of seasons of rain and drouth and of the 1,400,000 gallons of water poured into it daily. Until the siphon, consisting of a six-inch iron pipe with a twenty-foot lift, a 300-foot level and an eighty-foot discharge, was installed, it was necessary to maintain expensive electric and steam pumps to keep the quarry dry. Now the operation is done without any power cost. The fall of the water from the siphon to the level in the shaft exceeds the fall of Niagara by thirteen feet. The siphon can be primed and started by one man in thirty minutes simply by operating a lever.

Preventing bathtubs from pulling away from plaster or tile and lessening the possibility of cracks where the rim and wall meet, a bracket that holds and ties the tub to the wall has been devised. The bracket, made of tough metal, will support a weight of 750 pounds. It is designed to be fastened to a stud or two-by-four upright by a heavy bolt. An adjustable screw makes it possible to give the right amount of support at each point, so the tub rests evenly not only on its base, but also on the brackets. For a corner bath, three brackets are used, one on the end and two at the rear. Four are used for a recess tub, one on each end and two in the rear.



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Wind Machine Developed for the Movies Being Used to Blow Out a Brush Fire; Dirt and Sand Are Shoveled into the Air Stream from the Propeller to Smother the Flames

WIND MAKER USED BY MOVIES FIGHTS FOREST FIRES

Blowing out a brush fire as easily as a person might snuff out a match, a powerful wind machine, developed for a Hollywood motion-picture studio, has been used successfully in combating forest fires by the Los Angeles county forestry department. Tests proved that the machine is capable of putting out any small blaze quickly, best results being obtained when

dirt and sand were shoveled into the stream of air from the propeller, thus smothering the flames. The wind machine may be particularly valuable where no water is available, and, if mounted on a tractor, could be taken into heavily overgrown territory. It is also proposed to direct the blast of air through a funnel-like nozzle and with the compressed air, blow out by the roots brush and dry grass to cut fire breaks. A similar use might be found in cleaning the sides of highways of litter.

THERMOMETER LIKE A CLOCK HAS DIAL AND POINTER

Shaped like a clock, a desk thermometer with a dial and pointer is exceptionally easy to read and neat in appearance. It contains no mercury but is controlled by a piece of thermostatic metal which is so



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 Springfield, Ohio

sensitive to changes in temperature that it moves the hand forward as it expands and backward as it contracts.

SCREEN-DOOR SAG PREVENTED BY ADJUSTABLE BRACE

Permanent cure for sagging screen doors is provided by an adjustable brace which takes much of the strain which ordinarily distorts the light joints. The brace reaches from the top of the door on the hinge side to the bottom of the swinging side, and is equipped with a ratchet take-up to preserve proper tension of the bracing wire.

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Huge Tree Is Moved Like House on Rollers



was taken from a hillside where the dirt was four feet lower on one side than the other, but it now rests on level ground in a perpendicular position. There were sixty-four eight-inch hickory rollers under the tree at all times, eight of these rollers being moved with every eight inches of progress. These rollers revolved over a solid carpet of two-inch timbers on which a three-inch oak track was laid crosswise. In some places trestle work, seven feet high, was required as it was necessary to keep the tree's base virtually level at all times. At several points, power and telephone lines were encountered, and it was necessary to raise these wires and pull down the branches of the maple. Thirty large timbers were buried under the tree and will not be removed, but the tub around the roots was taken away before lowering the weight

Right. Sixty-Foot Tree Being Moved on Rollers to a New Location, Shown Above

Using methods similar to those employed by contractors in moving houses, a century-old hard-maple tree, sixty feet tall, has been moved in an upright position for a quarter of a mile by placing it on rollers. This unusual feat was accomplished on the estate of W. A. Sheaffer, at Fort Madison, Iowa, where from twenty to forty men labored for several months to roll the 150-ton weight of tree, dirt and timbers up a rough pasture to a point overlooking the Mississippi river. The tree, with branches spreading fifty-two feet, was raised from its original location with its roots incased in a huge dirt ball, which was held in place by a giant tub constructed around it. This ball was thirty-two feet in diameter and about four feet thick. The maple



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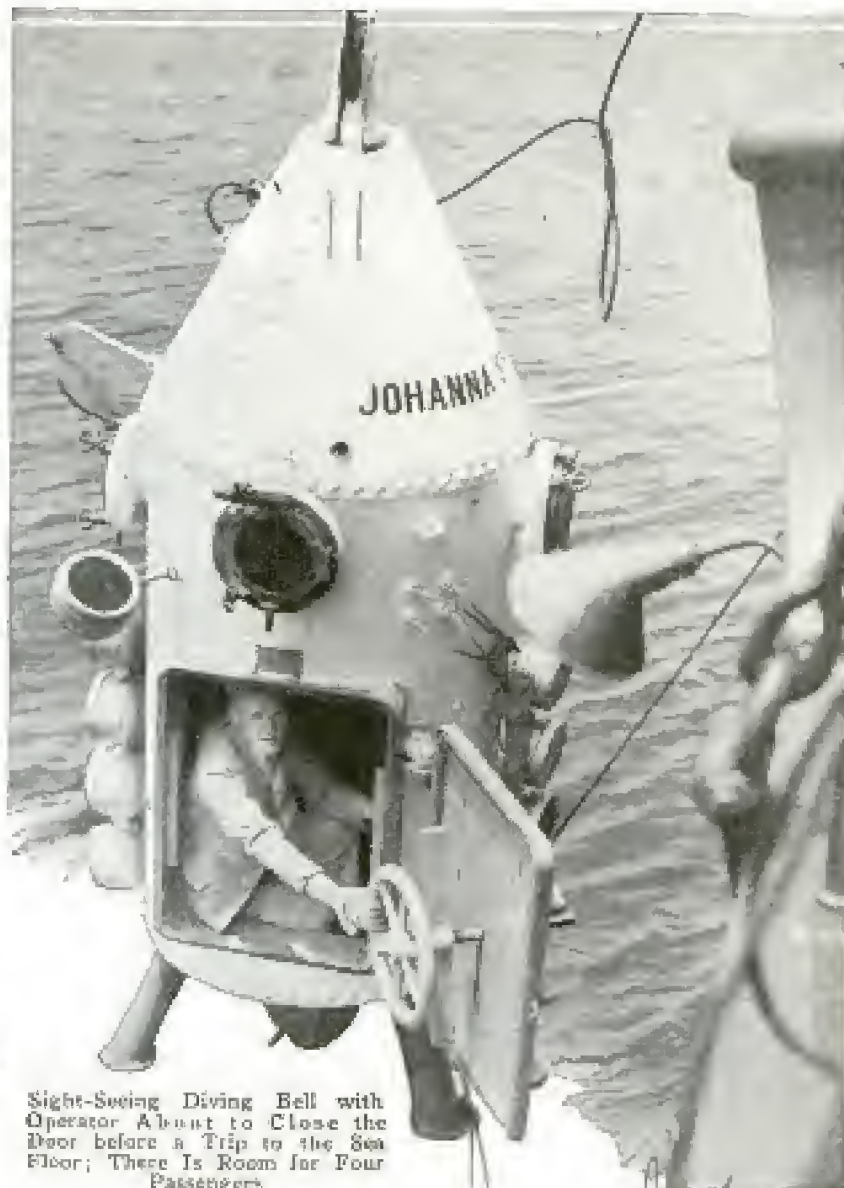
into the ground. The tree has thrived since being placed in its new location, leafing out as well as ever and making a growth of from four to six inches of new wood.

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FIGHT OIL FIRE WITH WATER

Directed against the heated walls of burning oil tanks, water turns into steam that helps extinguish the fire. Discovered by accident, this method has been effective in two fires. If water is poured on burning oil, it spreads instead of checking the flames, and firemen usually are helpless when a blaze starts. Quick action is necessary because the water must be turned onto the hot tank and the fire be smothered by the resulting steam before there is an explosion.

B 1144
SPRINGS SUSPEND AUTO LOAD FOR EASY RIDING

Automatically holding in suspension the load when an automobile strikes a bump, a new spring arrangement is offered to increase riding comfort, prevent broken springs, reduce jar and shock to a minimum, prevent wheel shimmy and eliminate sideways. With the new suspension, the auto body is allowed to fall by gravity into a non-bottoming spring system, automatically controlled according to the severity of the fall. This keeps the body and load from separating. Shock not only is absorbed, but is distributed evenly throughout the spring system.



Sight-Seeing Diving Bell with Operator About to Close the Door before a Trip to the Sea Floor; There Is Room for Four Passengers

PASSENGERS RIDE DIVING BELL TO BOTTOM OF SEA

Seeing the sights on the ocean floor is made possible by a passenger-carrying diving bell in use off the coast of California. Four persons at a time may visit the bottom of the sea, sinking 150 feet in the bell, which is attached to a ship. Oxygen tanks and an air purifier protect the passengers, and enable the bell to remain submerged for sixty hours. Twenty powerful lights illuminate the water and ocean floor during night descents, so that passengers will not miss the strange scenery.

For the first time in nearly thirty years, documented sail yachts increased in number in the first nine months of the fiscal year ended June 30, 1932.

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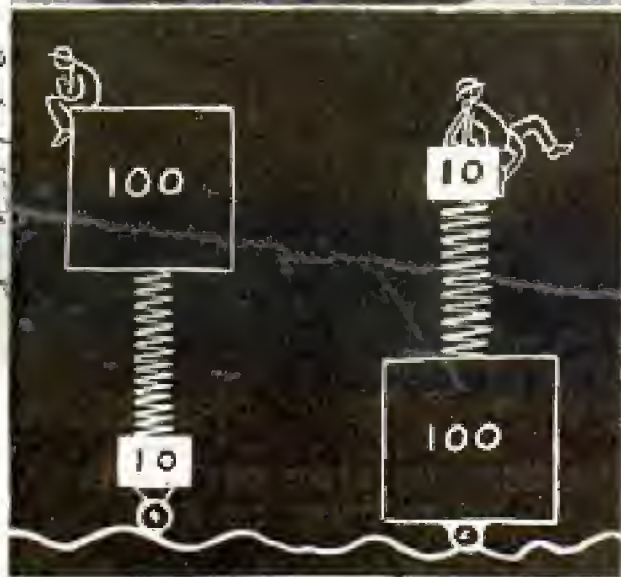
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The MOTOR CAR



Simple Visualization of the Virtue of Low Unsprung Weight in Striking One-Inch Bump; "Passenger" at Left Is Bounced One-Tenth Inch; Same Bump Bounces Passenger at Right Ten Inches

WHEN the "ideal motor car," the fabled automobile of the future, becomes a reality—if ever—it will come literally from the sky.

That does not mean, however, that tomorrow's motor car will be merely an airplane minus wings, mounted on four wheels and equipped with steering gear. Rather, it will be a new interpretation of highway transportation, designed and built to aeronautical standards of structure and performance efficiency. Tomorrow's

Famous Aeronautical Designer Visualizes an "Ideal" Automobile

By WILLIAM B. STOUT

row's car will be new and radically different, but it will be sane—samer than today's, and safer.

To meet it, you present-day motorists must first revise all your conceptions of motoring; lay away your assumptions of what motor cars should look like along with your old-fashioned goggles and dust-clo. This is a NEW automobile.

Briefly, here is what you may expect for your motor money tomorrow—or, at least, some day:

Acceleration from standing start to sixty miles per hour in eight seconds or less; higher usable top speed than any present car.

Twice the usable inside space for the wheelbase and tread of present cars.

Twice as much mileage per gallon of gasoline.

Engines weighing not more than five

of the FUTURE

pounds per horsepower; rear-mounted so that sound, odors and vibration can be effectively insulated from the body.

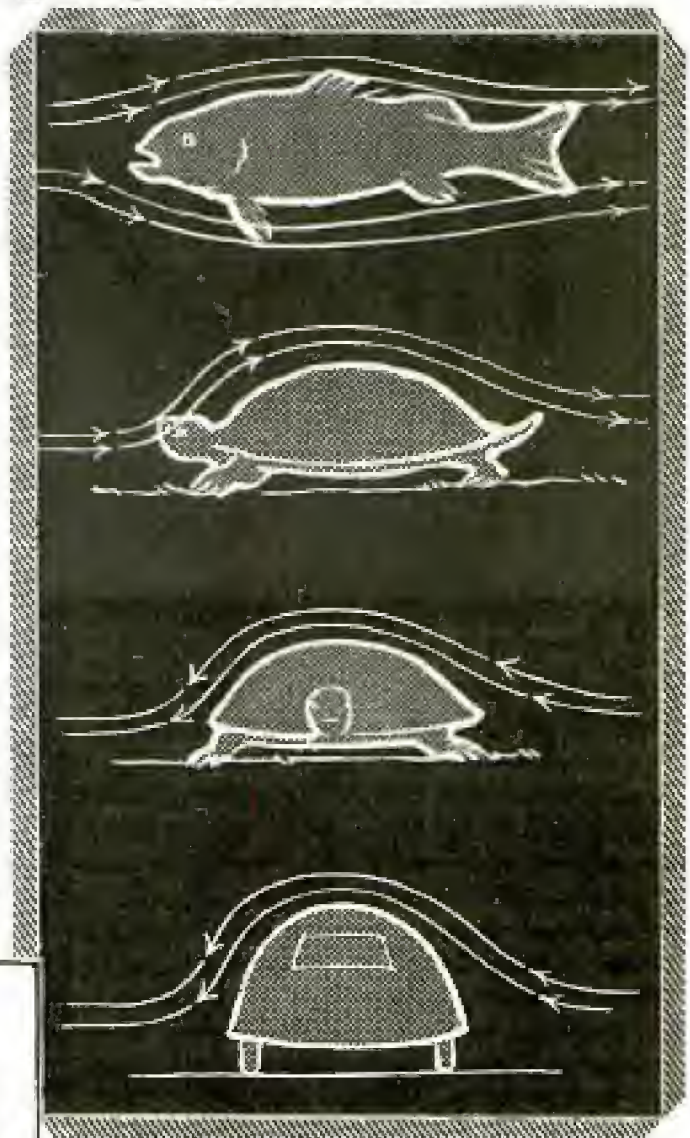
Streamlined bodies with forced ventilation for summer driving, forced heating in winter; non-glare windshield and windows.

Total weight of less than 1,000 pounds.

Simplified control; no gear shift, no clutch pedal, effortless steering at all speeds.

Cost: about half of the present-day car of comparable quality.

Tomorrow's car will be streamlined, of course, but not after the pattern of airplanes, birds or fish. To follow their example would be highly disastrous. Birds, airplanes, fish float in their respective mediums of travel; with them, pressure always comes directly from in front, no matter whether they are going with, against or across the current. The automobile,



Turtles Offer Best Models for Motor-Car Streamlining; Fish Travel with Pressure from the Front; Automobiles, like Turtles, Are Subject to Cross Currents

"Slide-Rule Minds"

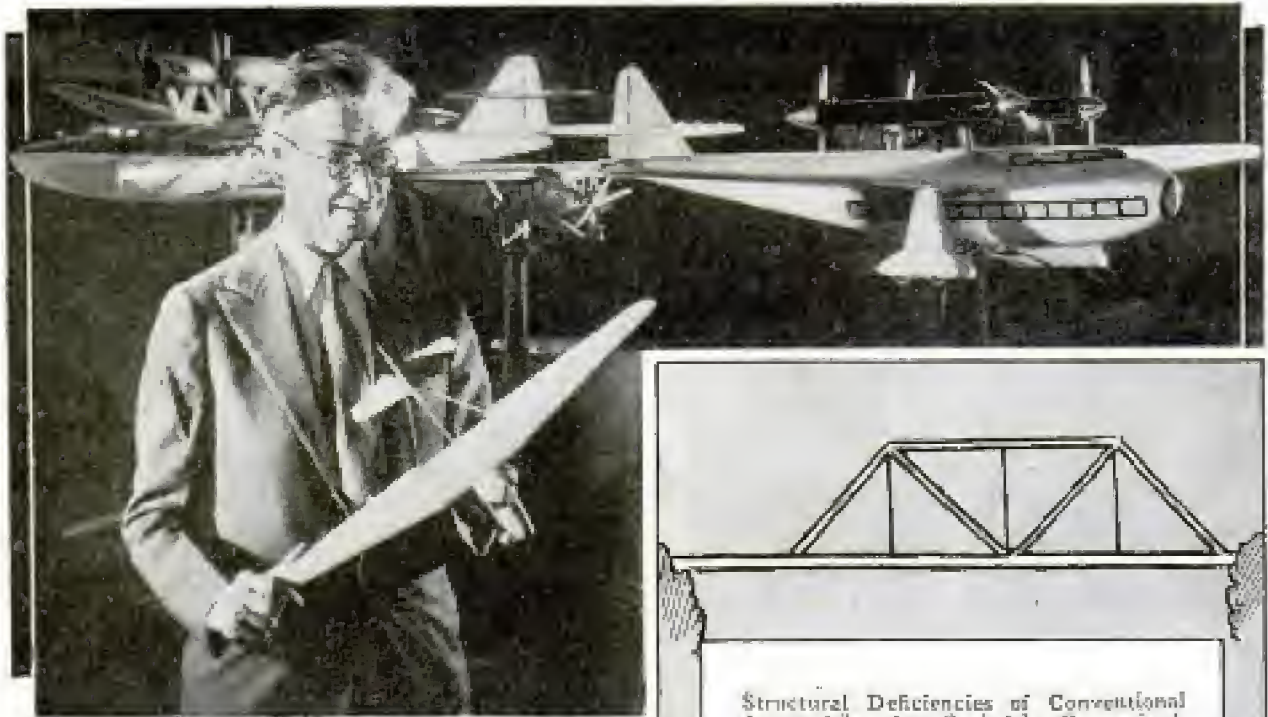
TO the world at large, William B. Stout is best known as an aeronautical engineer and enthusiastic disciple of air travel. To those who know him best, "Bill" Stout is preëminently an ardent opponent of all forms of the "slide-rule intelligence."

"Precedent and tradition are among the greatest handicaps to progress," he recently told the Society of Automotive Engineers. "Too often, they squeeze ideas into a jelly. Real progress comes from new assumptions; new viewpoints. Engineering that depends on slide-rule and mathematics for creation is doomed to failure."

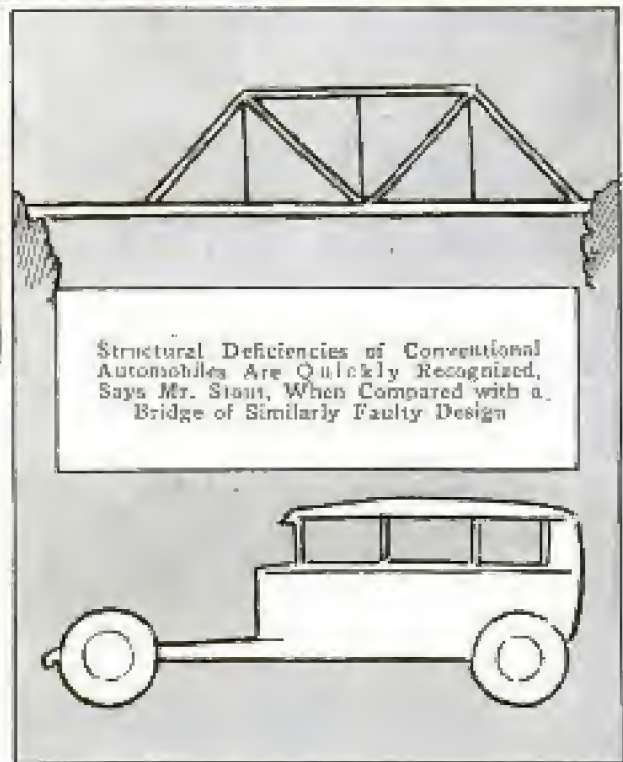
A decade ago, Stout was regarded as a "radical." Today, he is hailed as a "genius." Planes bearing his name are flying wherever air travel is known. But Stout is still a "radical." He still believes in the "fallacy of past experience." He still preaches the doctrine of the open mind—new perspectives and new vision.

however, is fixed to the road, and air pressure may come from any quarter. Designed like a fish or an airplane, an automobile might fare well enough in a direct headwind, but an unexpected air current on the quarter would probably blow the "fishy" car right off the road.

So, for a streamline model, engineers must seek in nature some shape streamlined in all directions; for example, the turtle or the crab. They have been designed by nature to walk along the bottom of a river undisturbed by the current no matter which way it flows. Theirs is efficient dual-medium streamlining—highly



W. B. Stout and Models of Some of the Airplanes Which Have Made His Name Famous along the Skyways; in His Hands He Holds the Sky Car, His Latest Creation



practical for application to automobiles.

At speeds below fifty miles an hour, however, shape is of relatively little importance except in beauty of line. At speeds below fifty—representing ninety per cent of normal driving—the greatest contributing factor to efficiency is low weight per horsepower. And, in holding down weight without sacrificing strength, the aeronaut makes his greatest contribution to the future of motoring.

The public is accustomed to thinking of airplanes as flimsy, simply because they are light. On the contrary, airplane structures are the strongest known, pound for pound. My own little "sky car," weighing approximately 1,200 pounds, will support a load of 12,000 pounds of sand in its wings—in fact, it must pass this test before it is given government license. Show me any structure—automobile, bridge, skyscraper, or what-have-you—that will support a burden of ten times its own weight without injury.

In promoting structural strength, the turtle-back shape will be just as important as in its contribution to streamlining. It affords an ideal opportunity for a simple truss construction of the body, conserving weight and permitting a high degree of rigidity without resorting to the

frame of the present car. To the uninformed, the idea of building a motor car without a frame may seem like building a house without a foundation. To the aeronautical engineer, however, the automobile frame appears as evidence of faulty structural design.

Imagine a bridge which for three-quarters of its length across a river is built of conventional truss construction and the rest of the way is supported merely by a couple of horizontal girders. How would you like to drive across it? Yet, in effect, that is the design of your present sedan.

Another essential of the present car, which will be conspicuous by its absence (some time) in the future, is the spring. Springing now is fundamentally wrong in theory. By adding shock absorbers you modify the basic fault, but you do not correct it. Stiffen the shock absorbers so that they restrict spring rebound and, to



In Proportion to Weight, Airplane Structures Are the Strongest Known; This Wing Easily Carries the Load of Thirty-Eight Men without Evidence of Failure

a degree, you tie up wheels and body into one unit—the passenger becomes, in a sense, the only item of sprung weight.

Watch a modern transport plane land on the rough outfield of an airport; watch it taxi across to the apron. The wheels may be going through a veritable dance—but the fuselage rides evenly. Drive your car over the same route and note how differently it behaves.

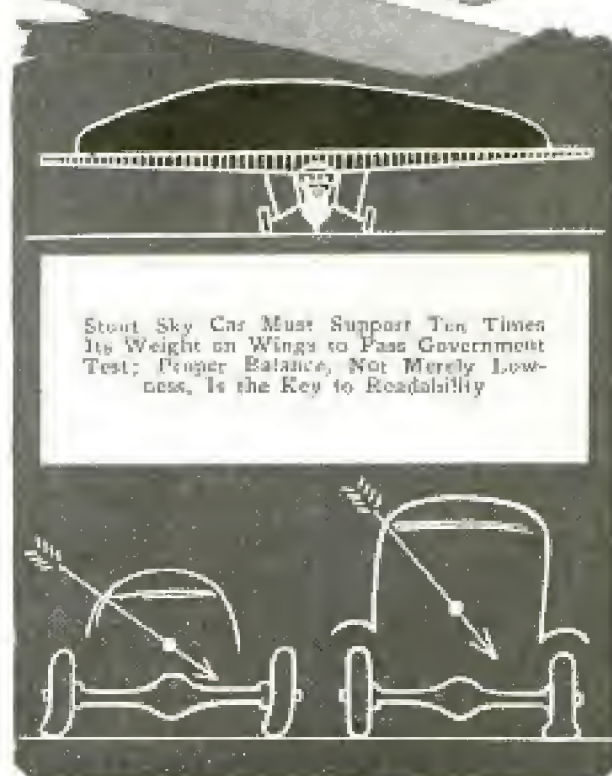
So, you'll find tomorrow's car equipped with modified airplane tires of large air capacity at low pressure—from four to ten pounds. Instead of springs, it will have an adaptation of airplane shock absorbers, each wheel acting independently.

Believe it or not, the lighter the car, the greater the potential factor of comfort. And, most important of all is the matter of unsprung weight. Low center of gravity is not necessarily an indication of roadability. Indeed, some of the present cars actually are swung so close to the road that skidding tendencies are vastly increased. The center of mass must be so disposed that the side thrust created in turning corners, presses downward on the outside wheels, thus increasing traction and preventing skidding.

When will this ideal "dream car" become a reality? Frankly, I don't know—nor does anyone else.

Probably the greatest single obstacle will be the direct beneficiaries—the public. Because the automobile always has looked just about the same, they assume that it must continue to do so.

Unquestionably, one of the principal reasons for the progress made in aviation is the fact that "John Public" has had no



preconceived ideas of what any airplane should look like. If Mr. Public were to judge automobiles by what they do and how well they do it rather than by exterior things, the engineer's "dream car" would become a reality almost overnight.

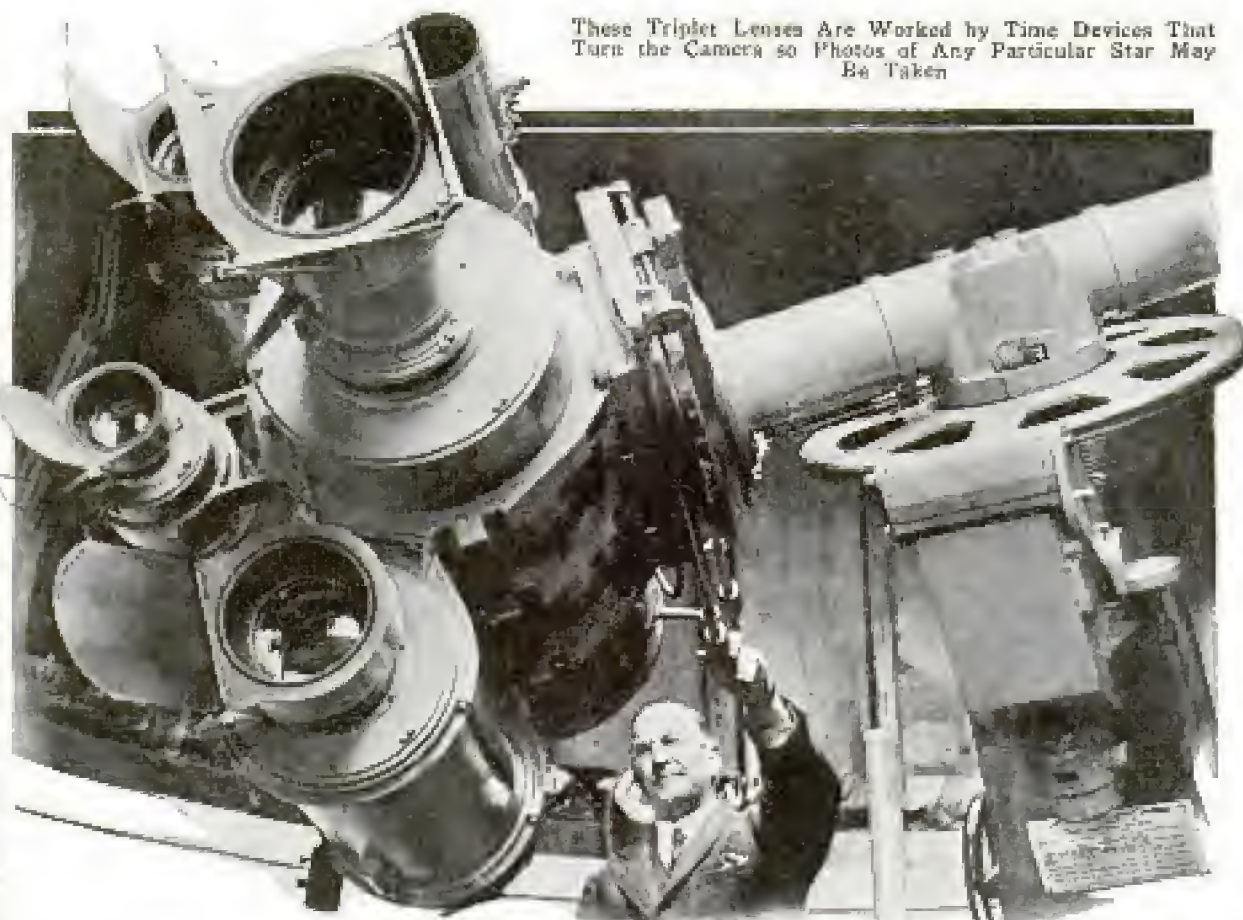
I am reminded of a young man who once evolved a radically different windmill, on sound aerodynamic lines. He showed his plans to a manufacturer who carefully examined them, then said:

"Young man, farmers have used windmills all their lives. They have become self-acknowledged authorities on windmills. When you design a new and better windmill, bear this in mind: It matters little how much more water it pumps or how much cost you save, but IT MUST LOOK LIKE A WINDMILL."

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These Triplet Lenses Are Worked by Time Devices That Turn the Camera so Photos of Any Particular Star May Be Taken

Home of Norman Lockyer Observatory
Sidmouth, England



GIANT LENSES FOLLOW STARS BY CLOCKWORK

Operated ^{Glass} automatically by clockwork, four triplet lenses keep watch on the heavens as the camera in which they are mounted follows the movement of stars for hours. The new camera is on duty at an observatory in England.

RADIATIONS FROM HUMAN BODY KILL YEAST GERMS

Living human tissues have been found to produce deadly radiations strangely reminiscent of the "evil eye" of superstition. Rays emitted from human blood, finger tips, the ends of noses or flashes from eyes are known to kill yeast and presumably other microorganisms. Prof. Otto Rahn, bacteriologist of Cornell University, has carried on these experiments with human radiations which, in some respects, seem to parallel scientifically the old superstitions that the human body can exert an evil influence on its surroundings. Yeast, such as is used in making bread, was killed in five minutes by radiations

from the fingertips of one person. When a quartz plate was placed between the fingers and the yeast, it took fifteen minutes for the yeast to die. It was likewise found that the end of the nose and the eye can kill yeast. The human chest, however, does not produce the radiation. In the tests of fingers, it was found the right hand is stronger than the left, even in the cases of left-handed persons. The experiments show that the blood and saliva emit the rays, but that the radiation varies with different persons, some having the power of producing effective radiations, while others do not. The radiations may even vary with the same person under different conditions. It was also demonstrated that the human body as a whole sends out rays. The exact nature of the radiation is not known, but it is suspected that it is some form of ultraviolet rays, because both the ultraviolet and the human radiations are effective after being passed through quartz. Several years ago, it was found that active muscles of the human body emit a very weak ultraviolet radiation which stimulated the growth of microorganisms. Resting muscles and most of the

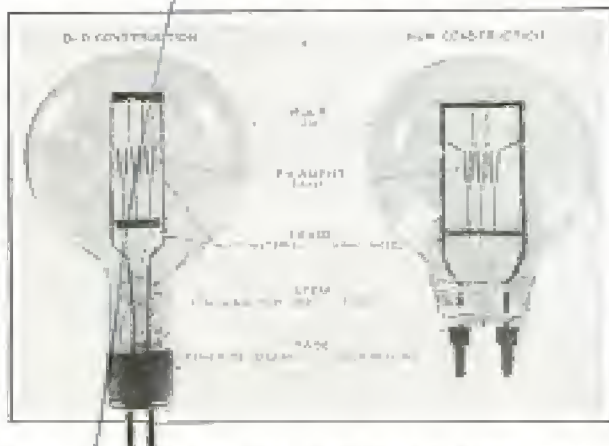
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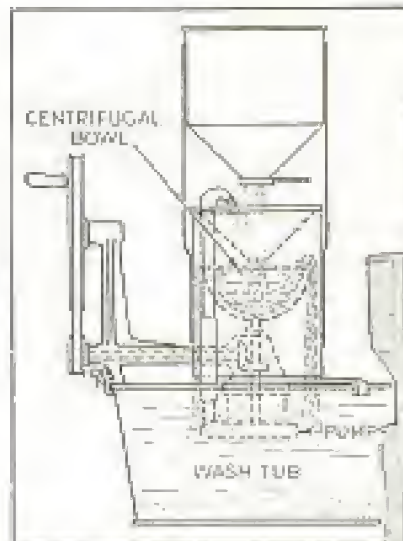
other body tissues do not produce these rays, but blood from healthy, normal people was found to radiate. The human radiations have been found to be mostly destructive, and when better understood, it is believed they may be found to affect the studies of germ diseases.

IMPROVED HIGH-POWER LAMP IS SMALLER AND STRONGER

More rugged, yet smaller, than the old incandescent lamps, an improved high-wattage bulb has been designed and constructed in the General Electric company's laboratories. Fewer parts and simplicity in building are two advantages that are expected to revolutionize electric-lamp designing. Starting with two copper prongs, to which a special heat-resisting glass cup is sealed, the internal structure is built up from the prongs, that take the place of the ordinary base. The bulb containing the filament is sealed to the glass cup as the final operation. This method of construction is said to eliminate many weaknesses of the older type of lamp. Through elimination of the base, the heavy lead-in wires and the large stem of the common high-powered bulbs, the new lamps are considerably lighter in weight and shorter than their predecessors. The radical change in design came as the result of a demand for higher-wattage lamps. Since the largest incandescent lamps contain as much as three pounds of tungsten, the matter of weight was a factor in building the new lamp.



Photos Contrast Old and New High-Wattage Electric Lamps; Bulb at Right Is More Rugged



Little Water Is Required to Operate This Gold Washer Which Works Like a Cream Separator

WATER-SAVING GOLD WASHER OPERATED BY HAND

Operated like a cream separator, a wet gold washer that is run by hand is particularly adapted to arid gold fields because it uses little water. The washer can be clamped to an ordinary washtub or other convenient tank. The detachable bowl, at the upper end of a vertical shaft, is revolved at sufficient speed to throw heavy metallic particles against its side where they are caught in grooves that form the riffles. Lighter materials are washed on over the edge with the flow of water, which is maintained by the centrifugal pump at the lower end of the shaft. The pay dirt is first screened, and the screenings can be washed to an extreme concentration at the rate of half a ton an hour, it is claimed. No water is lost except that due to evaporation and the amount required for wetting the gravel. Three barrels of water are considered sufficient to handle four tons of screenings. The machine also is made in a power-driven model.

Every gallon of gas sold in France is taxed at least fourteen cents.

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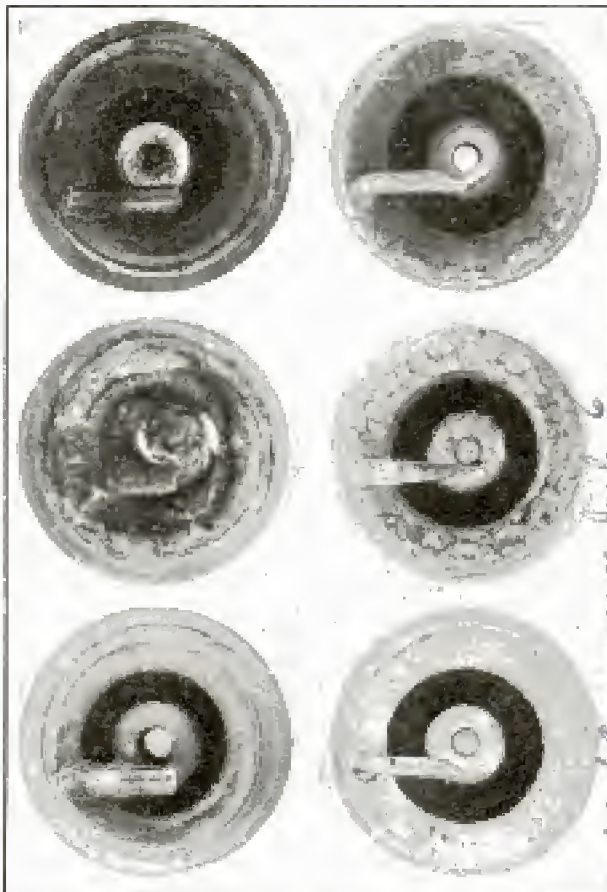
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CARE OF SPARK PLUGS SAVES FUEL AND HELPS MOTOR



Inattention to Spark Plugs Results in Carbon Formations and Wearing Away of Side Wires

Proper care of spark plugs will save money for the motorist by reducing fuel consumption and improving the engine's performance. If the plugs are in good condition, general wear and tear on the motor is retarded, more speed and power is produced, and gasoline and oil do their work more efficiently. There are many things that can happen to spark plugs if inspection is made infrequently: The center and side wires may burn away completely; insulation may be cracked as a result of the plug being screwed insecurely into the cylinder, destroying the plug's usefulness, and excessive films of carbon may form, making it difficult for the spark to complete its circuit.

RAPID VIBRATING OF CONCRETE MAKES STRONGER PAVEMENT

Tests made by road engineers have shown that the strength of a concrete pavement is increased by high-speed tam-

Designed by R.W. Barry
and constructed by Barry-Blair Corp
16 S. Broad Phila.
MECHANICS
 ing or vibrating of the paving slabs. The latest method of imparting the vibrations involves subjecting the strike-off board to blows at the rate of 3,500 a minute by means of an electric machine. It was found that the concrete becomes plastic, tends to flow to position and expels entrapped air. It has also been discovered that little hand-finishing is required after the vibrator has been used, and tests of cores taken from pavement so treated were stronger than untreated samples.

RECORD NUMBER OF PATENTS GRANTED LAST YEAR
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 Granting 52,572 patents during the last fiscal year, the United States patent office established an all-time record. The number of cases awaiting action was reduced 44,000 in the last two years, while the number was reduced from 90,274 to 76,723 last year. The increase in number of patents granted for the year is 8,255, or 18.6 per cent. over the previous twelve-month period. Examining divisions have speeded up their work until all sixty-five are less than six months behind. These gains represent a big timesaving for the inventor, who usually waits for patent papers before trying to market his invention.

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JAPAN TURNS TO MOTORCYCLE TO SPEED DELIVERIES

Replacing the rear wheel, a two-wheeled package carrier converts the American motorcycle into a merchandise-hauling vehicle in Japan. The carrier is bolted to the motorcycle after the rear wheel and mudguard have been removed. Loads of 500 to 800 pounds can be hauled at a speed of thirty-five miles an hour. The two-wheeled cart is known as a "sancinsha."



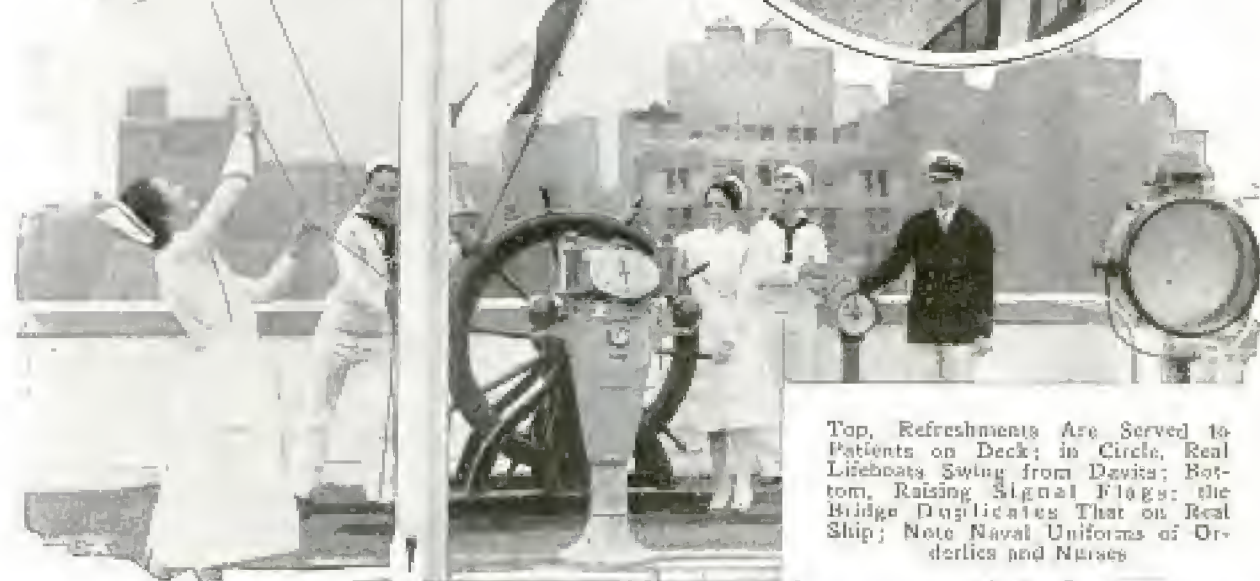
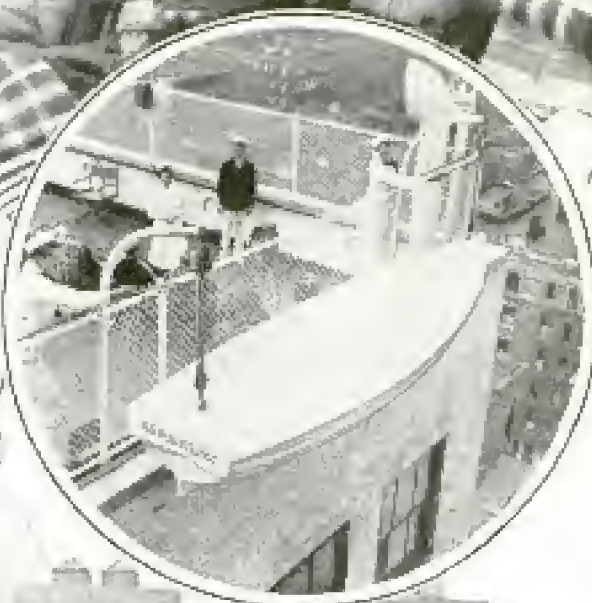
Two-Wheeled Package Carrier in Place of Rear Wheel on Motorcycle Used in Japan

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Top, Refreshments Are Served to Patients on Deck; in Circle, Real Lifeboats, Sailing from Davits; Bottom, Raising Signal Flags; the Bridge Duplicates That on Real Ship; Note Naval Uniforms of Orderlies and Nurses

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Glass Cage over Gunner's Cockpit of British Fighting Plane; the Dome Protects the Occupant and Increases Accuracy of Fire

GLASS CAGE FOR AIR GUNNERS INCREASES ACCURACY

British airplane gunners now do their fighting in glass cages. Gunners' cockpits in the fighting ships are being inclosed in glass domes which are windproof. The gunner thus is protected from the elements and it is claimed this protection increases the accuracy of his fire.

INVISIBLE LIGHTS HELP PILOTS AND AUTOISTS AT NIGHT

Relieving eye-strain of piloting a plane or driving an auto at night, invisible light for the instrument board has been produced. By coating dials with luminous radium paint and illuminating them with invisible ultraviolet rays, direct and intense illumination is eliminated. This makes it possible for pilot or motorist to read all the instruments at a glance without being blinded momentarily. Under the old system of dash lighting, reflections in the windshield often increased the autoist's confusion. J. H. Kurlander, engineer of the Westinghouse Lamp company, devised

150 Broadway
New York.

this method of suppressing glare and maintaining keen vision for the night pilot or driver.

OIL FURNACE CUTS FUEL COSTS BY LESS WASTE

Eliminating waste by using every heat unit in the fuel, an oil-burning furnace with a new principle of combustion has been effective in reducing heating costs. In an eight-month heating season, savings in homes have ranged from fourteen to fifty-three per cent. The furnace is the result of five years of research by General Electric company engineers. In one instance, the furnace replaced a hand-fired coal boiler in a fourteen-room house with a reduction

from \$555 to \$262 for the winter. The new plant was called on to maintain a temperature of seventy-two degrees night and day, whereas the old furnace was banked at night.

PENCIL CONTAINS KNIFE BLADE AND FILE IN TOP

Three handy pocket tools are included in a refillable pencil which also contains a finger file and knife blade. The file and blade fold into the upper part of the pencil and so do not interfere with writing.



Refillable Pencil Which Contains a Finger File and Knife Blade

It is estimated there are more than 4,000,000 electric clocks now in use in the United States.

Cattaraugus Cutlery
Co. Little Valley, N.Y.

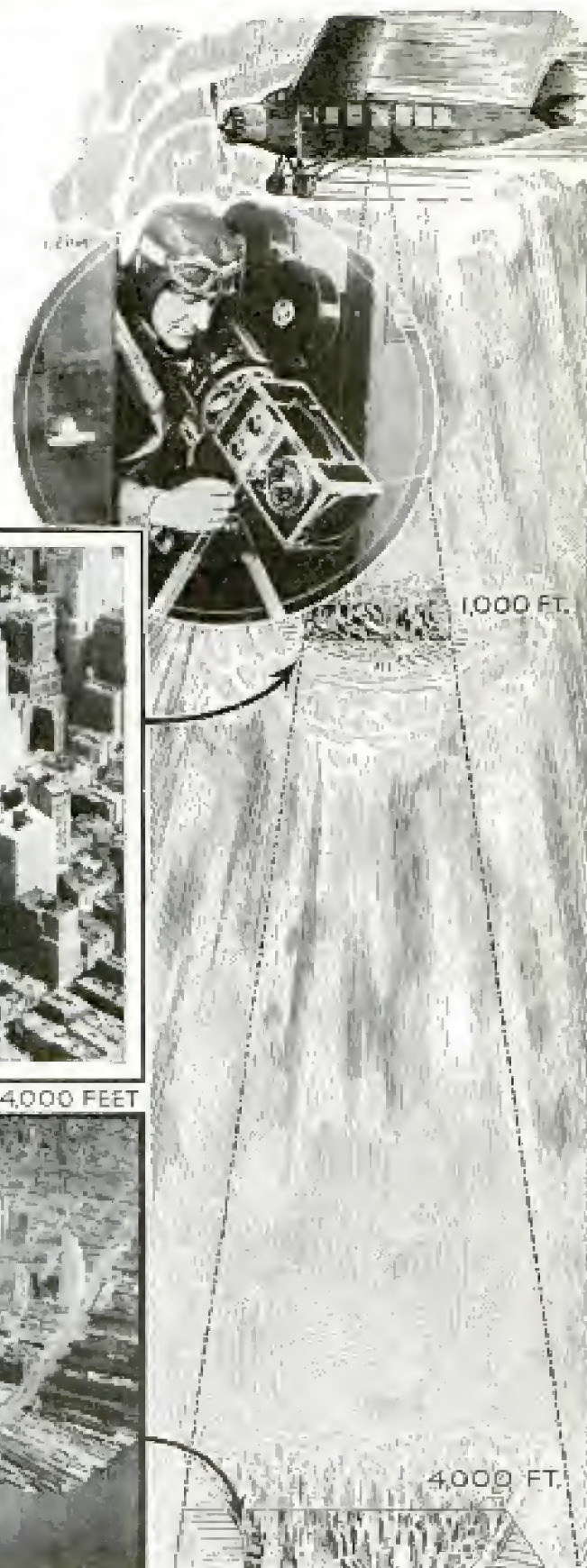
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Harry L. Warren, Guilford, Conn.

'Zoom' Lens Gives Close-Up at Great Height

Lieut. Geo. W. Goddard, of the army air corps at Rantoul, Ill., has just completed a series of photographic tests of a new "zoom" lens in flights over Chicago which gave very interesting results. It was established that, in wartime, observers could fly over enemy lines at 30,000 feet and obtain large photographs of important points, or smaller pictures of large areas for observation purposes. The large-scale photographs have the appearance of being shot at about 5,000 feet. In peace times, photographers can fly high above the minimum altitude of 3,000 feet set by traffic rules and get pictures equivalent to those taken at 500 or 600 feet.



BOTH PICTURES TAKEN AT ALTITUDE OF 4,000 FEET



Aerial Pictures Taken over New York with "Zoom" Lens Which Enables Photographer to Obtain Close-Ups of Important Points Included in the Large Area Exposed to Camera's Eye



NOW and again the men of the coast guard, who singly or in pairs patrol lonely stretches of beach sand along the far-flung seacoast of the United States, make a grim find. Somewhere between the margins of high and low tide they discover the body of a man that has been washed ashore. Generally it is suspected that the flotsam is a souvenir of a rum smugglers' fight. The chief cause is "hijacking," the act of robbing a liquor smuggler of his contraband wares. At sea it is piracy—no less.

Pirates they are at heart and pirates they are legally, these desperate men who prey on the ships of the rum fleet and on the satellite speed boats that run their cargoes ashore. Hijackers is the mildest term applied to them. The men of the coast guard call them murderous thieves. The contrabandists who smuggle the liq-



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nor ashore call them rats and like rats they drown them, when they get the chance.

Time and again the bold forays of hijackers have forced those engaged in the illicit handling of liquor cargoes to change their practices. Out there, just beyond sight of land, where the liquor ships lie hove to in all kinds of weather, there have been some desperate fights in the last dozen years. Ships have been robbed of



Jack!

Boyden Sparkes

199. Puritan and Forest

their cargoes. There have been savage battles, and many unexplained gang killings ashore have been repercussions of these affairs. There is no twelve-mile limit to the frontier of bootleg vengeance.

Nevertheless that is where much of the trouble starts, out there beyond the twelve-mile limit. It is a vast fleet taken altogether. In the Atlantic ocean there are ninety-one ships engaged in the traffic, most of them hovering off Long Island

and New Jersey, safe beyond the authority of the coast guard to interfere. In the Gulf of Mexico there are forty-seven and in the Pacific thirty-three ships. The total is 171. Nowadays the ships protect themselves pretty well; it is the rumrunners in speed boats who suffer most from the depredations of hijackers. Yet the rum fleet itself has had bitter experiences.

Formerly each rumrunner who went out to the fleet was an independent trader, or else some boat owner paid, at the rate of \$10 a case, to bring liquor ashore. Then rum row was a kind of marine bazaar. The men of the small boats, manned sometimes by fishermen, sometimes by waterfront thugs, were permitted to go aboard the large vessels and dicker with the captains or the supercargoes. Then.....

She was a fishing schooner that had cleared from Miquelon, one of three tiny

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New York City



"All told, there were eight men in the gang. The crew were herded into the fore-castle. We two, the captain and the mate were kept in the cabin. They treated us all right, but we were prisoners for three days. They worked the ship eastward somewhere and ran the remainder of the cargo ashore. Then, on a dark night, they dumped all of us ashore on a dock in Boston harbor. Afterward the schooner was picked up at sea, a derelict stripped of ev-

French islands off the coast of Newfoundland. Under her hatches were 60,000 cases of "Pol Roger." Each case of the champagne had cost \$35. A little arithmetic will show you that this represented an investment of \$2,100,000. Taken ashore into the United States, that same cargo, at the retail price of \$90 a case, had a value of \$5,400,000. That would be enough to tempt any pirate that ever lived.

Yet there had been no wholesale hijacking up to that time. The captain, who had been a fisherman all his life, had rifles for his crew, but was not expecting trouble. He was in the cabin dickering with two men who had come out in a speed boat when there were yells on deck. According to one of his two visitors, the vessel was seized within the space of minutes.

"First thing we knew," he said, "four men came plunging down the companion-way into the cabin. One of them carried a sub-machine gun. 'It's a stick-up,' he said. 'Be good and you won't get hurt.'



everything of value." Other ships in rum row were robbed by gangs which came aboard in the guise of liquor buyers. There was no authority on shore that could be appealed to, since the whole business was offensive to the United States government. Finally the ships of rum row began to display signs on their hulls, advertising the brands of liquor they carried and the sale prices. All rumrunners were forced to keep off the big boats. The steamers did the best trade, for at night they advertised their wares and prices with illuminated signs slung between their masts.

This made it difficult for the hijackers, but did not in the least discourage them.

They began to lie in wait for the captains of the rum fleet, some of whom were obliged by their owners to steal ashore every few days with the proceeds of the sales. They could trust the captains a little, with \$50,000 or \$100,000, but they would trust no one with \$1,000,000. There was a bank near Broadway in New York, which had a great many bootlegger customers. In the safe-deposit-vault section in the basement, cabinets were maintained for the convenience of visitors. One day, a rum-fleet captain brought in \$75,000 in bills. That was the next line of attack of the hijackers. They began to waylay these treasure-carrying captains. Several were murdered. Again the big bootleggers ordered a change of procedure.

Thereafter liquor sales were consummated on shore. The captains handled no money whatever. Their employers began giving them tokens by which they could recognize the rumrunners who were entitled to receive their cargo when these rascals came out in speed boats. Commonly these tokens were half of a playing card or a piece of water-marked paper. If the piece presented matched a jagged half held by the captain, the cargo was surrendered. Quickly the hijackers devised a scheme to foil this precaution.

How it worked was told for my benefit by a New York lawyer who does a great deal of legal business for the present-day syndicate that dominates the liquor traffic into New York harbor.

"A small Brooklyn syndicate," he said, "made a deal for 1,000 sacks of rye whis-



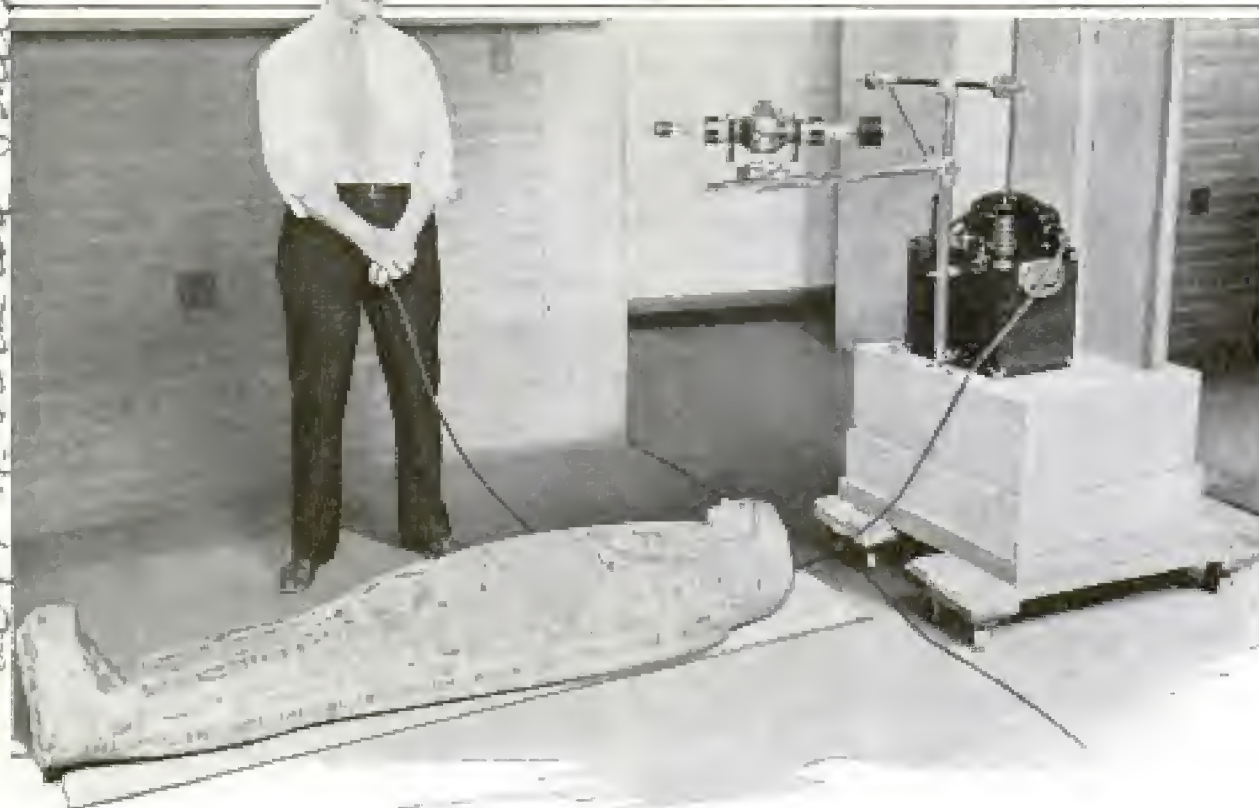
ky. The owners of the cargo gave the syndicate representative a token. It was made by tearing the ace of hearts across the middle, not smoothly but with a twist. One half was sent out to the captain; the other half was to be presented to him by the speed-boat crew which came out to get the liquor. One o'clock in the morning was the agreed time.

"But it was just midnight when a long, narrow speed boat arrived under the rail of the ship. It had traveled the last half mile of its journey in a cone of silvery illumination focused on it from the searchlight of the big ship. The skipper was standing at the rail with a megaphone.

"What's the idea of coming ahead of time?" he demanded suspiciously.

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Portable X-Ray Looks through Case at Mummy in Modern Science's Study of Diseases among Ancient Egyptians; Every Part of Mummy Is Photographed



X-RAYS PROVE MODERN ILLS AFFLICTED THE ANCIENTS

Study of health conditions of the ancient Egyptians is made possible by a portable X-ray that takes pictures of mummies. While everyone has heard of mummies and has seen them in museums, few realize that what is seen most often is the mummy case, which contains the body. Since the case and the mummy are very fragile, it is impractical to examine the bodies except by X-ray. The mummy case is laid on the X-ray plate and exposed to the rays. In this way, every part of the mummy is photographed without opening the case. The portable machine makes it possible to do this work in the museum. Already results have been obtained that show the Egyptians suffered from diseases once regarded as modern in origin.

ALL CONTROLS IN PLANE STICK FOR EASIER PILOTING

Relieving the pilot of rudder-bar strain, a stick incorporating all controls has been produced for the airplane. Elevator and aileron control is obtained by to-and-fro

or side-to-side motion of the stick, while a steering wheel, mounted on and moving with the stick, controls the rudder. The three-in-one stick eliminates the fatigue and cramp caused by the pilot having to keep his feet on the rudder bar constantly on extended flights.

BIRD "CAFETERIA" PROTECTED FROM STORMS



Protection from stormy weather is given the birds by a feeding house that turns with the wind. The "cafeteria," built of cypress and wire glass, is triangular in shape with one side open. It revolves on a pole so that the open side is always away from the wind, protecting the birds and keeping the food from being blown or washed away. A feed perch gives the birds a lighting and resting place.

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Deadly to insects but harmless to man and domestic animals when taken by the mouth, a compound that approaches requirements for the ideal insecticide is being tested. It has been found fifteen times as toxic as nicotine as a contact poison, and thirty times as toxic as lead arsenate to certain caterpillars. This means that spray residue would not have to be removed from fruits and vegetables before they were put on the market. On exposure to direct sunlight, the compound becomes yellow with a loss of almost all of its insecticidal properties. Experiments are being made to prevent loss in poisoning power. The compound's base element is found in an East Indian vine and the South American shrub "cube."

RADIO FIREPLACE FLICKERS TO MUSIC B. 052.

Concealed in a portable fireplace, a radio, with its loud speaker in the firebox, plays while light flickers around the natural logs. The logs, cut from birch, are supplied loose so that they may be arranged to suit the individual. Two fans, resting on electric bulbs, cause a flicker that resembles flames, giving the appearance of burning logs. The dials are located at one side of the fireplace.



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Whole Trees Are Picked Up and Moved by a Nurseryman Who Built This Windlass and Frame on a Truck

TRUCK MOVES WHOLE TREES WITH WINDLASS FRAME

Large trees are transplanted, roots and all, with a truck with a windlass frame invented by Nebraska nurserymen. After the tree is dug up, a web belt is placed around the ball of earth clinging to the roots. Then the roots and lower trunk are pulled into the truck by a cable until only the top branches remain on the ground. The operation takes less than an hour. The windlass also is handy for pulling over the tree after the roots have been freed from surrounding earth.

AUTO CHASSIS ON RUBBER PADS HAS NO SPRINGS B. 1105

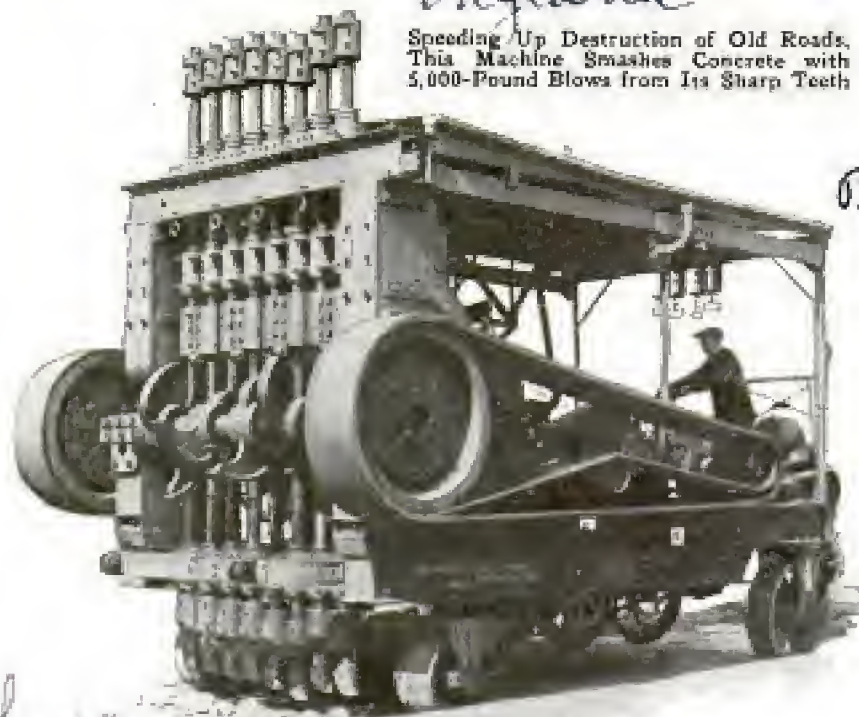
Springs and other shock-absorbing devices are eliminated from a French automobile that has its chassis suspended on rubber pads. The chassis consists of two deep-section tubes in which are carried four radius rods. Each rod is attached to a road wheel and bears against two rubber pads in the tube. All movement of the radius rods produced by road shocks is cushioned and absorbed by the pads, one of which takes the direct stresses and the other the rebound. Equally good suspension at all speeds, elimination of steering-wheel shimmy through independent suspension of each wheel, and suspension without rebound or periods, are some of the car's advantages.

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HAS STEEL TEETH**

In England a concrete-breaking ma-
chine is being used successfully to tear up
old pavements rapidly. The road is bro-
ken by eight powerful steel teeth biting
into the surface. These teeth meet the
concrete with a pressure of 5,000 pounds
and smash it like so much clay.

Each flare is equipped with a large silk
parachute to make it drop slowly, giving
the pilot time to select a suitable spot.
The flares are made in one and three-min-
ute sizes. Five are carried in cases sunk
flush with the plane's fuselage. In tests,
large tri-motored ships landed with no il-
lumination other than two flares, one
dropped from about 2,000 feet and the other
at 1,200. An area of about one square
mile is lighted brightly enough by the two
flares to permit selection of the best land-
ing place. The flares can be used more
than once.

B0108 **INDUSTRY USES TALC POWDER
IN FIFTY DIFFERENT WAYS**

Talcum powder is used in fifty different
ways by modern business, in addition to
that of beautifying women. The paper of
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tains talc as filler. Many paints contain
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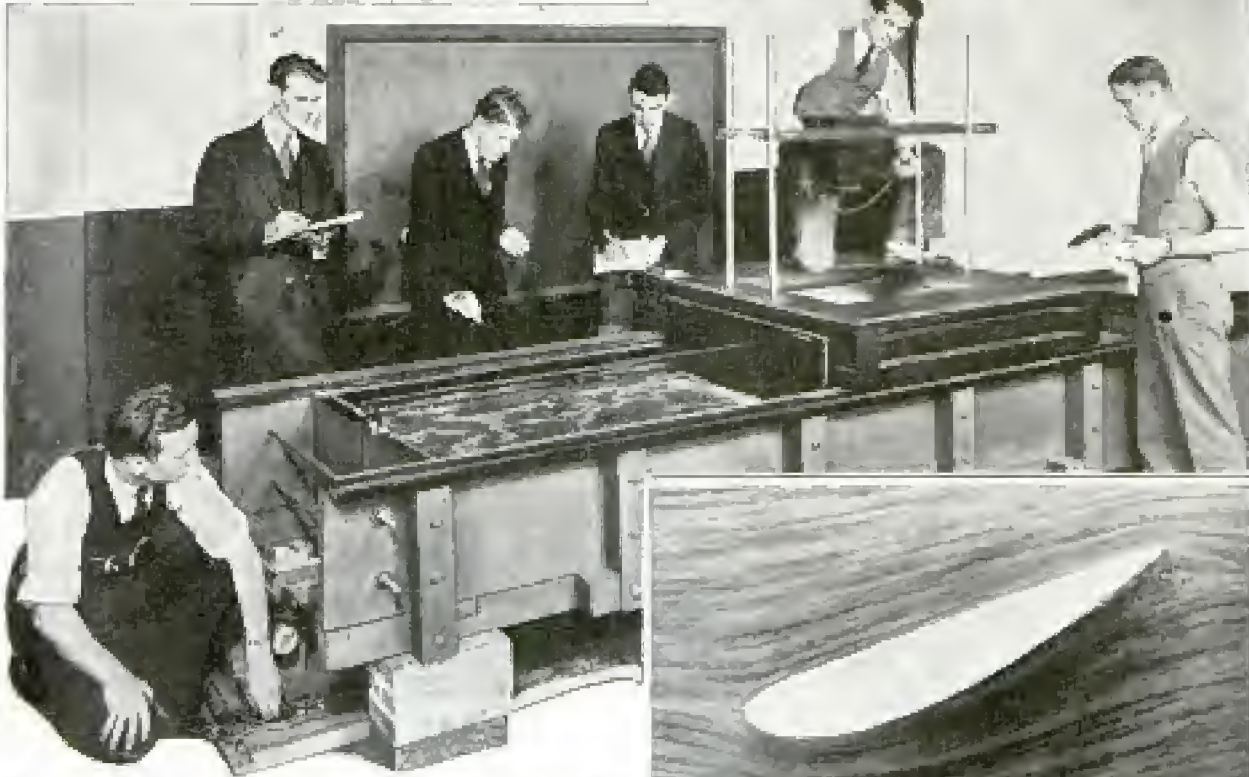


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PHOTOGRAPHS OF AIR FLOW
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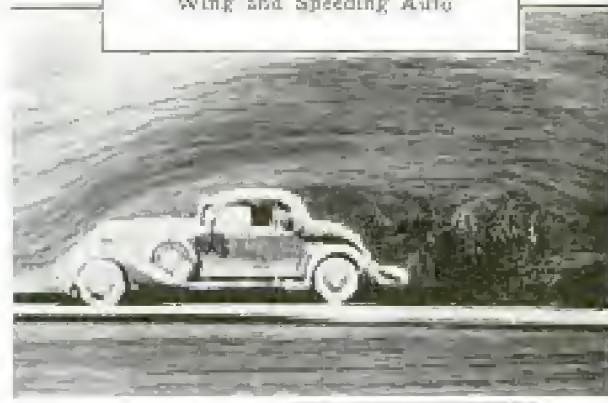


Camera on Moving Carriage over Tank Photographs Flow of Liquid around Objects Tested for Streamlining

Accurate pictures of the disturbance of air around a moving body, such as an automobile or an airplane, have been made by using a movie camera mounted on an electrically driven platform. Small wooden models of airplane wings, seaplane hulls and midget cars are towed through water whose surface is coated with a chemical. The movement of these models through a fluid, whether water or air, produces flow effects which, when photographed, are faithful simulations of what happens when a regulation airplane speeds through the air or an auto races along the highway. The water in the tank is colored with potassium permanganate while a light powder, lycopodium, is blown over the surface. It prevents coagulation and aids in reflecting the light so that the streamline flow around the models may be photographed satisfactorily. One dozen large electric bulbs, mounted on the bottom of the moving platform, provide illumination. The effect of making photos of the fine dots of powder on the water surface reproduces those dots on the film as a series of lines, just as the air would appear if it were visible. A view camera,



How Air Flows around Plane Wing and Speeding Auto



with a fast lens and a dependable shutter, is loaded with high-speed film for the photographs. The models are hooked to the moving platform, which reverses when the end of the track is reached, moving back and forth until the desired number of exposures has been made. The camera was designed to help the airplane and automobile builder overcome the drag of air by streamline construction.

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view camera.
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Making Home Tasks



Above, Electric Press Weighing Forty Pounds Which Can Be Used on Any Table; It Has Hook Inside Base so It Can Be Hung on Wall When Not in Use, and Push Iron for Ruffles

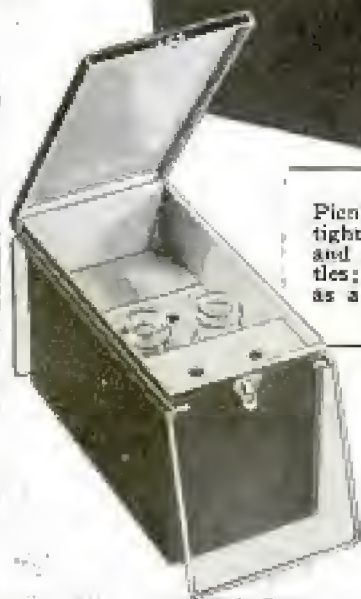
Right, Screw with Luminous Head Which Fits All Switch Plates and Makes It Easy to Find a Wall Switch in the Dark



Above, Dustproof Fiber Bag for Vacuum Cleaner Which Is Discarded When Filled



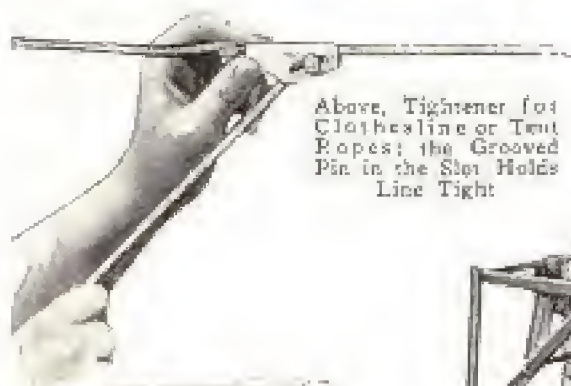
Picnic Box with Watertight Ice Compartment and Space for Milk Bottles; the Cover Serves as a Table When Open



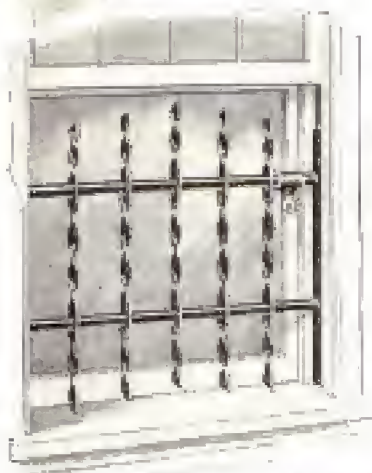
Right, Nozzle for Garden Hose Equipped with Container for Fertilizer or Insecticide



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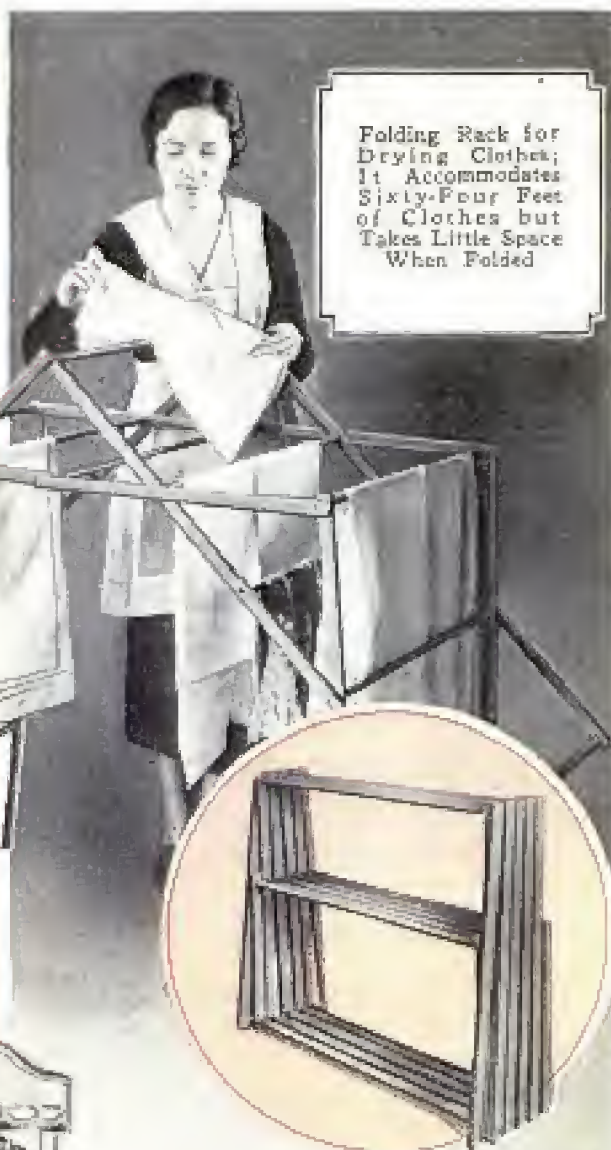
Above, Tightener for Clothesline or Tent Rope; the Grooved Pin in the Slot Holds Line Tight



Above, Metal Window Guard That Locks in Position with a Key; the Sliding Bars Are Adjusted to Fit Tightly against Window Facings in the Slot below Upper Sash



Left, Duster with Extension Tube to Reach High Fixtures; Right, Air-Cooling Unit That Holds 300 Pounds of Ice; Small Fan Draws Air through Front and Forces It Out through Controlling Damper Openings at Top; Capacity, 400 Cubic Feet a Minute



Folding Rack for Drying Clothes; It Accommodates Sixty-Four Feet of Clothes but Takes Little Space When Folded





Giving Red or Blue Light. This Lamp Is Filled with a New Vapor Mixture

GAS AND ZINC-VAPOR ARC LAMP GIVES RED AND BLUE LIGHT

Red and blue illumination for laboratory work has been produced in an experimental arc lamp filled with a mixture of argon gas and zinc vapor. The predominating color is red. Dr. Harvey C. Rentschler, of the Westinghouse Lamp company, directed the research into efficiency of hot-cathode lamps, with the zinc vapor giving the best results when an electric current was passed through the lamp.

PLANE DIVES FASTER IF MOTOR IS SHUT OFF

Testing the maximum velocity at which a new pursuit plane could dive, a British pilot attained a speed of 403 miles per hour—over six miles a minute. The dive started at 30,000 feet, the maximum speed was reached at 20,000 feet and the plane slowed up as it dove through the denser air near the earth. The pilot found that his plane dropped faster with the motor shut off than when it was running at full throttle. This is caused by the braking ef-

fect of the propeller at maximum speed, since the propeller is designed for the plane's maximum horizontal speed of 231 miles an hour.

TALKIE CLOCK GIVES THE TIME OVER TELEPHONE

Requiring no operator, a talking clock that gives the correct time over the telephone has been introduced in Paris. The clock is used in connection with a film on which every minute of the day is recorded for reproduction in sound. When a subscriber dials the time number, the speaking apparatus is started automatically, giving the hour and the minute. Controlled by one of the master clocks of the Paris observatory, the talking clock always speaks with authority.

PERMANENT AUTO-LICENSE TAG REDUCES CHANCE OF THEFT

Georgia is experimenting with a permanent automobile-license tag which has been designed for the purpose of reducing the cost of manufacturing and distribution, and also to minimize the chances of theft. The metal tag consists of two parts, one permanent plate which remains with the car as long as it is operated in Georgia, and a small year strip, issued annually. After the first year, the large one need not be replaced by a new one, except by purchasers of new cars or owners transferring cars from another state. The tag goes with the car when it is sold, and



Large License Plate Is Permanent; Small One Is Issued Each Year, Reducing State's Expense

hence will prevent transfer of tags. Besides, the purchaser of a stolen car would be unable to obtain a complete tag or a year strip for the tag previously issued to the car, if the theft has been reported.

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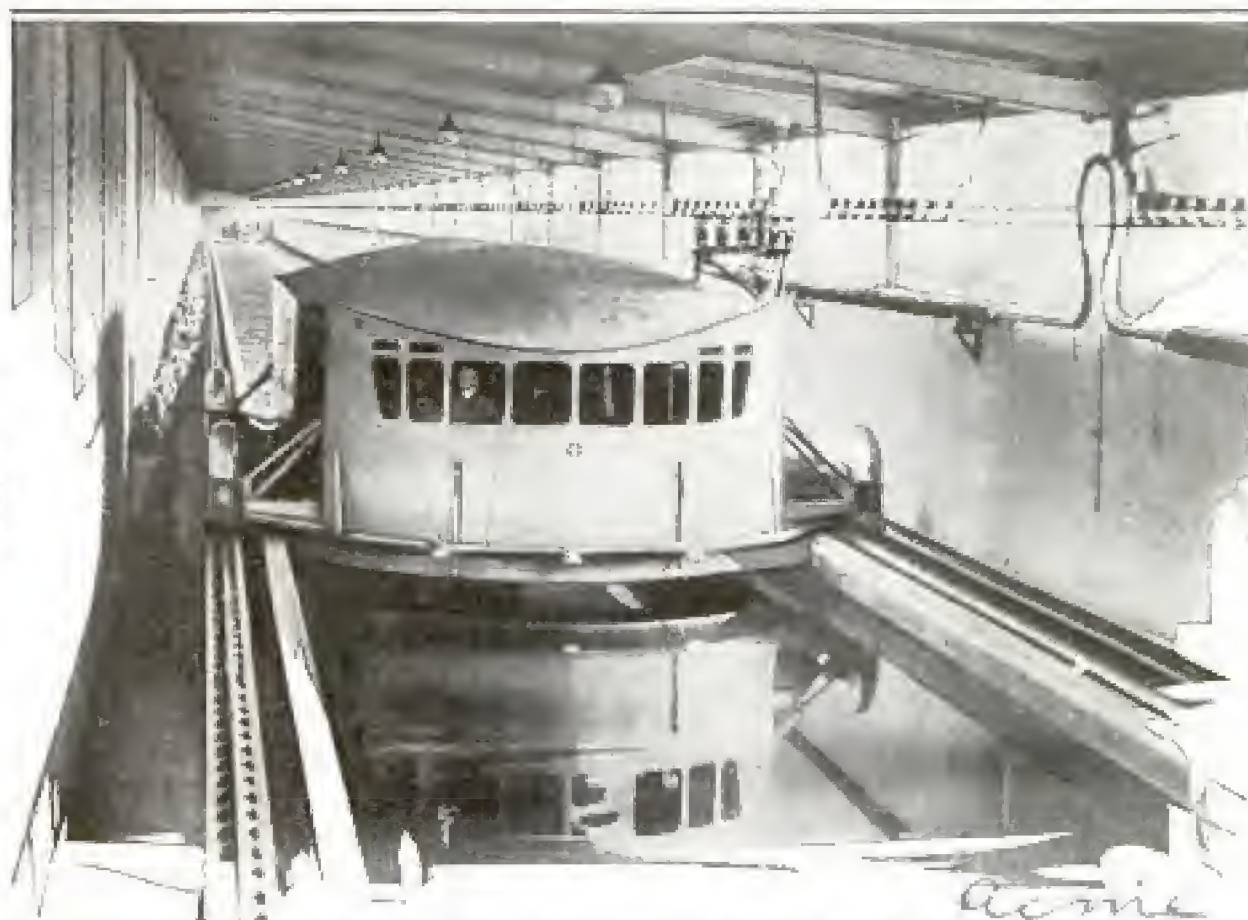
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This Towing Device Pulls New Seaplanes along the Water Channel in Experimental Tunnel in Germany; Note How Carriage Rides on Special Tracks, Taking Power from Overhead Wires

SEAPLANES TESTED IN TUNNEL WITH TOWING CARRIAGE

Designs and materials of seaplanes are tested in a long tunnel at Hamburg, Germany. A towing carriage pulls the seaplane along the tunnel's water channel to determine what form of construction is best for taking off, landing and riding the waves.

BOAT PROPELLER RUN BY HAND ELIMINATES OARS

Oars are not necessary for a rowboat equipped with a propeller that can be turned with one hand. The propeller is run with a crank and can be attached to the bow, stern or even side in half a minute with one thumb.



screw. It weighs sixteen pounds and will move the craft forward or backward as desired. It is particularly handy for fishermen, since it leaves one hand always free for other activity.

GERMS TURN FARM WASTE INTO MONEY

By substituting bacteria for chemicals and by adding city sewage to farm waste, such as cornstalks, straw and hulls, chemists have advanced another step in solving an agricultural problem. A process for producing building-board fiber and fuel and lighting gas from farm waste is being worked out on a commercial basis. Corn-cobs, stalks, straw and cereal hulls contain a high percentage of carbohydrates. The addition of nitrogenous city waste increases the bacterial activity in the farm-waste products, producing a large volume of fuel gas and releasing the fiber for board making. Products of the distillation of oat, cotton and rice hulls and of cornstalks are being studied in a search for more useful by-products.

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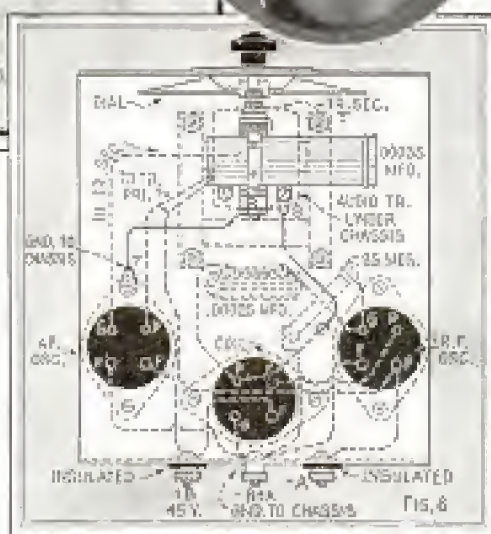
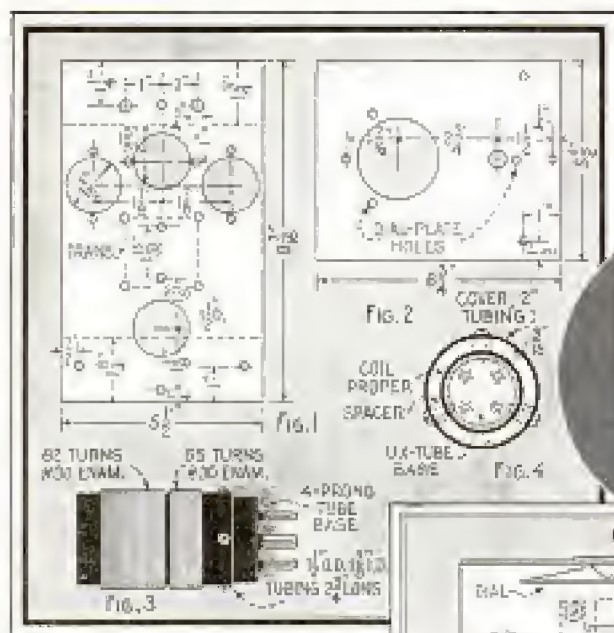
EVER since radio receivers passed the single-tube stage, owners, builders and service men have realized that an unbalanced receiver is a poor performer. Any radio set is subject to this condition, and many weak signals are completely

does not produce the maximum efficiency. Many unmodulated signal generators have been made, but the modulated generator described in this article covers a much wider range of usefulness. For example, when lining up a receiver, the r.f. or first part of the circuit, composes about one-half of the complete receiver and an unmodulated signal generator is useful only for this part. After the detector, the signal must be of an a.f. or audio nature to be helpful. Either type '99 or '30 tubes may be used. Flashlight batteries supply the filaments and small B-batteries the plate voltage.

The base is made of $\frac{1}{16}$ -in. sheet aluminum, drilled and bent as shown in Fig. 1. The front panel, of the same material, is shown in Fig. 2. The .00035-mfd. variable condenser is mounted on the base first and lined up with the dial, as shown in Fig. 7.

An X-ray view, looking down on the completely wired unit, is given in Fig. 6. Enlarged diagrams are available if desired. The leads and parts under the base are all shown by dotted lines, but the dotted line at the rear of the base merely indicates the bend. The audio transformer is a 3-to-1 receiver type. If the audio note is too high-pitched, it may be lowered by shunting a fixed condenser across the transformer secondary from G to chassis. Note that one side of the transformer secondary is grounded on the chassis and the other goes to G on the a.f. tube socket.

The negative-A and



lost before they reach the audio stages. The new tubes and highly sensitive circuits of today make the old method, of tuning in a distant station and adjusting the trimmer condensers for maximum volume, obsolete. Such balancing helps, but

ALL-WAVE SIGNALS

Up Receivers

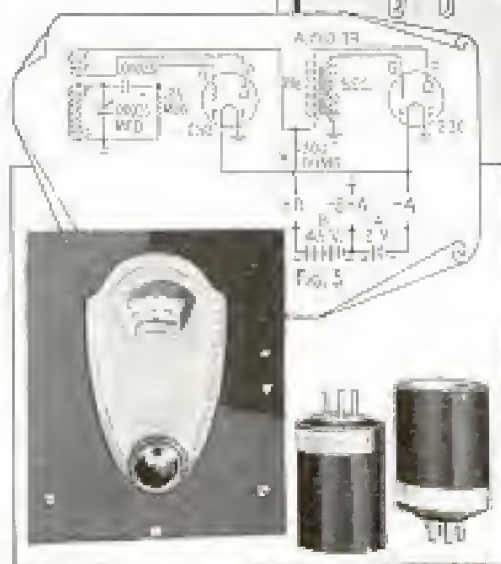
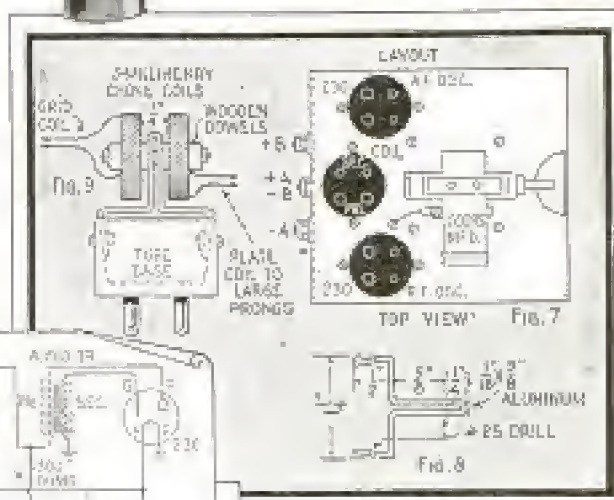
by
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positive-B posts are insulated from the base. The center post is mounted directly on the metal base. The 500-ohm resistor, marked X in the schematic diagram, is optional, but will improve modulation.

The broadcast-band coil covers from 550 to 1,500 kilocycles. Fig. 3 shows the construction of this coil. It may be wound with 82 and 55 turns or 70 and 40 turns of No. 30 wire, either coil working equally well. The bakelite tubing is fastened to an old tube base with three machine screws in drilled and tapped holes. A small hole is drilled $\frac{1}{4}$ in. down from the top of the tube; the No. 30 enameled-copper wire is bared of insulation at the starting end and run through the hole and down into one of the small prongs in the coil base and soldered. The 82-turn clockwise winding is then made, and the end passed through a hole and soldered into the other small prong. The 55-turn tickler coil is started $\frac{1}{4}$ in. from the first winding in the same manner and wound in the same direction; the start and finish ends are soldered in the large prongs.

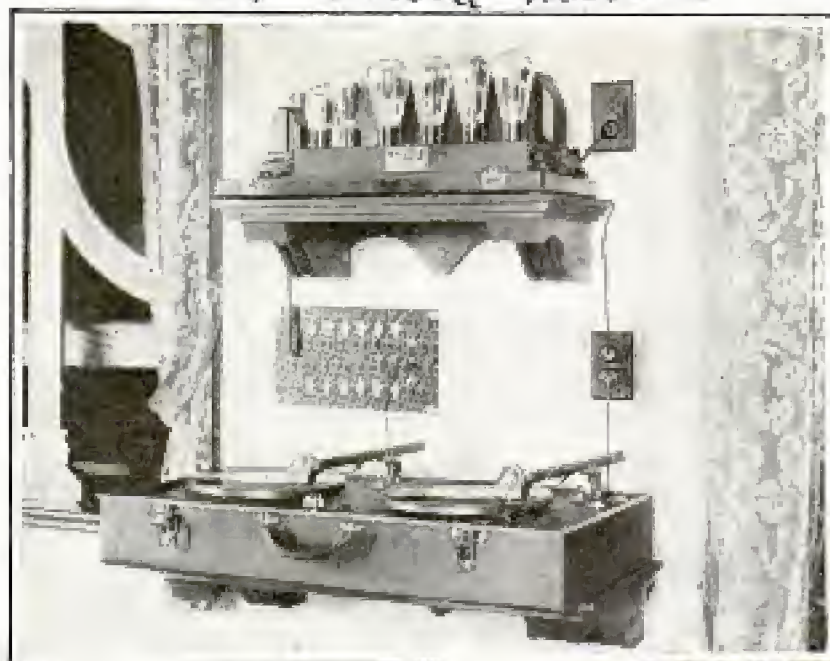
The bakelite coil shields, detailed in Fig. 4, are optional, but afford protection to the coil windings. Three fiber-tubing spacers and machine screws at top and bottom support the shield. A bakelite ring may be inserted, if desired, at the top as shown in the photo on page 462.

We are now ready to calibrate this coil from any good receiver. The batteries are connected and a small knife switch is connected in series with one of the A-battery leads. The tubes and coil are inserted in



their respective sockets, and the signal generator is placed near the receiver. Move the signal generator dial slowly over the entire scale. If the signal is not heard in the speaker, reverse the tickler-coil connec-

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Above, Amplifier with Phonograph Turntables and Control Panel; Right, Organ Grill Baffle

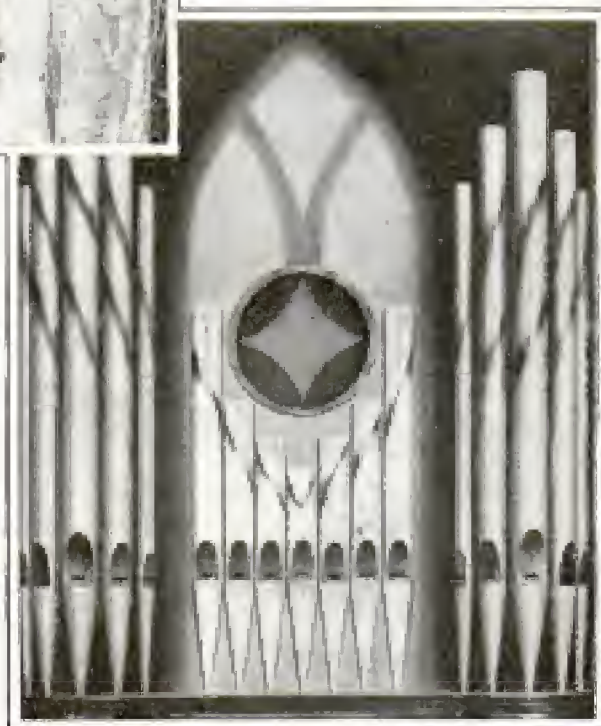
Organ Pipes But Music Comes from Speaker

Pipe-organ effects for chapels or other small public places, where a large pipe organ is not practical, may be obtained by the use of dummy organ pipes and a suitable speaker baffle, together with an audio amplifier and phonograph turntables. A large dynamic speaker of the Wright-DeCoster type is mounted behind the grill at center, and the other apparatus is installed in an adjoining room. Organ records, suitable for any occasion, are faded from one turntable to the other in the usual manner. The large audio amplifier is mounted on the shelf above. Additional loud speakers may be operated in halls or adjoining rooms, and a microphone can be plugged in to amplify the speaker's voice. The speaker baffle proper should be the equivalent of at least 3 ft. square and should be made of close-grained wood at least 1 in. thick. Pressed-wood stock is used for the background. The pipes may be made of cardboard tubing.

How to Find Resistance Values

Instead of wasting time and money with cut-and-try methods, the radio experimenter can easily find resistance values, that are needed for any circuit requirement, by the application of Ohm's law. This simple method may be used to de-

termine resistance, voltage or current values in any given circuit. The law states that the resistance of a circuit may be found by dividing the voltage by the current. On the other hand, the current value may be found by dividing the voltage by the resistance. If the resistance and current values are known, their product gives the voltage. The law is more



easily memorized in the form of symbols. Let the resistance in ohms, be represented by R , the current, in amperes, by I and the voltage by E . Then R equals E over I ; I equals E over R , and E equals R times I .

Clip-Jack Simplifies Wiring

When trying out experimental hookups on breadboard layouts, an open-circuit jack is usually employed for the output to the phones or speaker. The wiring to this jack may be greatly simplified by soldering a Fahnestock clip to each terminal.

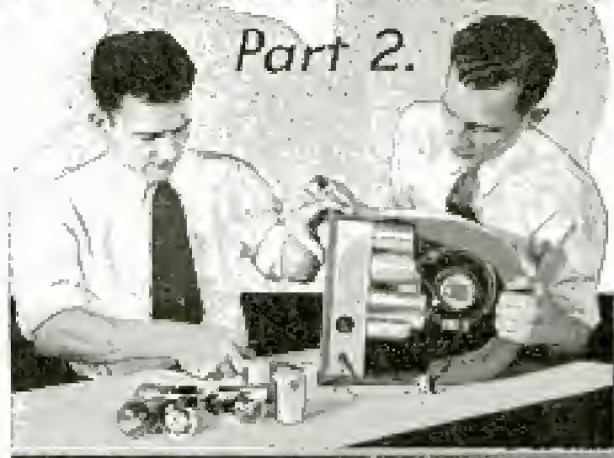
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MIDGET RECEIVER

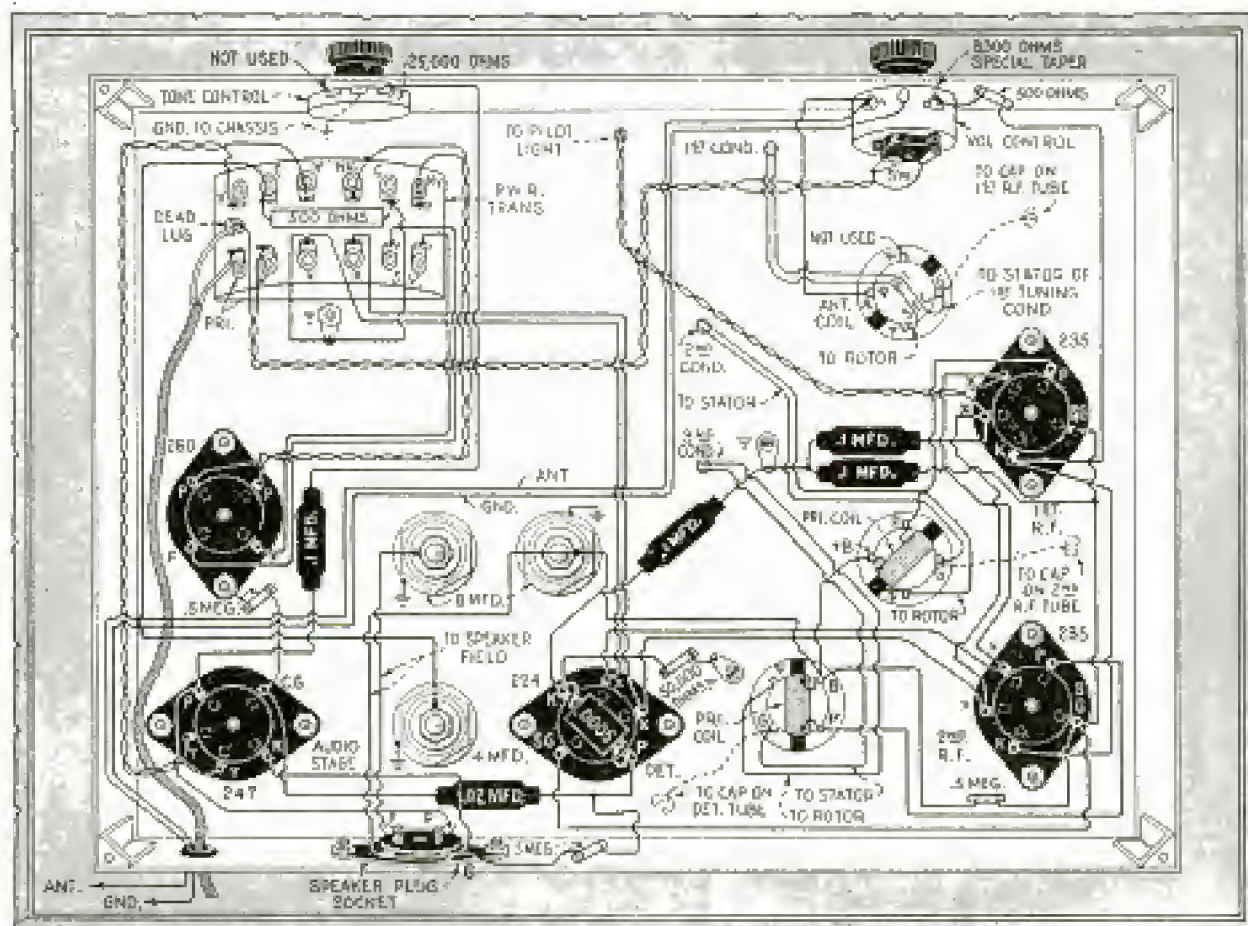
Uses High-Gain Tubes

AFTER the chassis has been drilled and the holes cut for the sockets and coil terminals, the parts are mounted as shown in the layout diagram on page 297 of the August issue. We are now ready for the wiring, which is practically all done under the chassis, as shown in the simplified wiring diagram below. This diagram together with the underside photo on the following page should enable anyone to wire the set with very little difficulty. The simplified diagram shows the parts in their relative positions and the value of each part is given.

Each wafer-type socket should be mounted with the terminals exactly as shown, and if they are not indicated, the builder should mark the chassis opposite each lug with a pencil to avoid errors. Stiff-wire leads on the small "cub"-type fixed condensers and resistors greatly simplify the wiring, and make these units self-support-



ing. The coil leads, indicated as grounded to the rotor, run through holes in the chassis near the three-gang variable condenser and are soldered to lugs on the shield plates between the condenser units. The grid lead is shown paralleling the grounded lead in each case, and these leads go to the condenser stators, or stationary plates.





Regular push-back hookup wire is used for all connections except those from the power-transformer to the tubes. These filament and plate leads should be made with well-insulated stranded hookup wire.

The coupling rings, indicated on the schematic diagram, are built into the commercial coils and are already connected to the plate terminals of the r.f. coils and the antenna lug on the antenna coil. It will probably be necessary to trace out the primary and secondary leads on these coils as they are seldom marked. The terminal positions, however, are as shown in the simplified diagram.

The 2½-volt filament terminals, indicated by Y on the transformer, are for the 247 pentode tube and those marked X are for the filament supply to all other 2½-volt tubes. A separate 5-volt winding is also provided for the 280 rectifier tube. All of these leads should be twisted, even though they are not so shown in the diagram. The 500-ohm resistor is connected to ground and filament center-tap and bypassed by the 4-mfd. electrolytic conden-

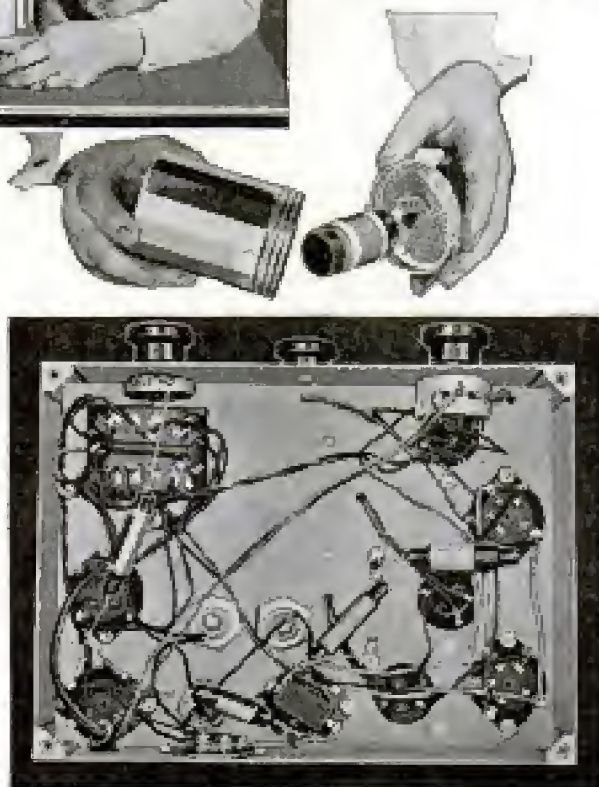
ser. The .5-megohm resistor in the lower right-hand corner, near the second r.f.-tube socket, is the dropping resistor for the screen voltage. The value of this resistor is not given on the schematic diagram. Care should be taken that this resistor does not touch the chassis. This also applies to the .5-megohm coupling resistor, from the detector plate to the high-voltage connection G on the speaker-plug socket, and to any other resistor not indicated as grounded. Terminals F and G on this socket are connected together. The control-grid resistor from control

grid on the 247-tube socket, may be either 1 megohm or .5 megohm. One end of this resistor is grounded to the chassis under the mounting screw that holds the 280-tube socket. The 50,000-ohm biasing resistor for the detector tube is connected at K and the other end to a lug screwed to the chassis. The flat mica-type .0005-mfd. fixed condenser is connected directly across this socket from P to K. It will be noted that the r.f. choke, shown in the schematic diagram, is omitted in the simplified wiring

diagram. This choke is optional and the set was found to work just as well without it.

The small dynamic speaker is a midget type with a built-in transformer to match the single 247 pentode output tube. Cabled leads for the speaker field, which also acts as a filter choke, the pentode plate and high voltage, terminate in a plug for the socket located at the rear of the chassis.

Homemade coils may be used instead of the commercial type, and can be mounted in ten-cent aluminum salt shakers as shown in the center photo on this page. The coils are wound on bakelite tubing, 1 in. in diameter and 2¼ in. long. For the

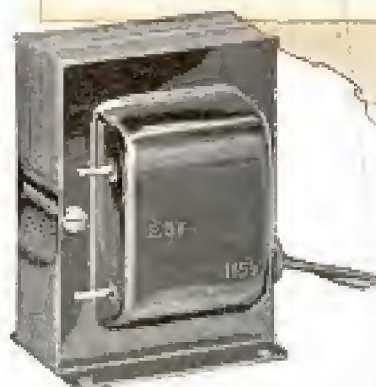


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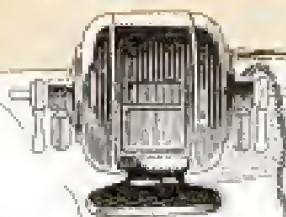
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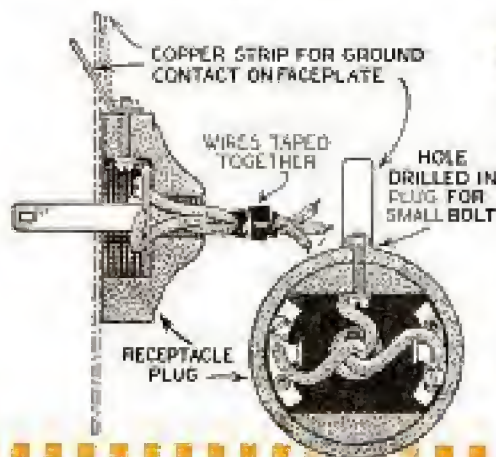


Interference Analyzer Contains Several Standard Filter Circuits Any of Which May Be Switched In or Out to Determine the Proper Filter to Use

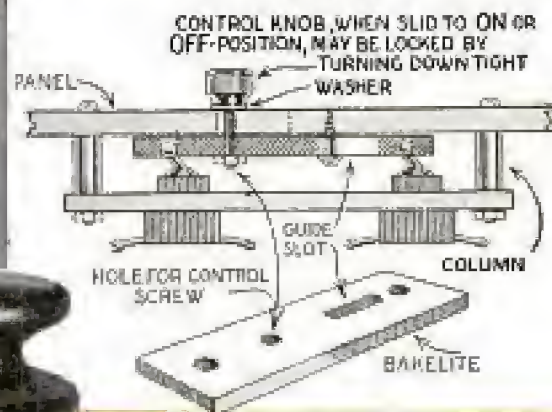


TWO DESIGNS FOR THE SLIDE

Handy Automatic Ground Connection on Power Plug for A.C. Receivers; the Plug Is Drilled as Shown, and the Ground Lead from the Set Inserted and Connected to a Brass Machine Screw That Holds the External Grounding Strip



Left, Disappearing Map or Station Log; Guide Is Screwed to 1/2-In. Block at Bottom of Cabinet, so Map on Slide Will Clear When Raised or Lowered



Above, Toggle Switch Gauged for Linking Two or More Experimental Circuits for Simultaneous Operation; They May Be Arranged to Close Together or to Close One Switch and Open the Other; an Escrutcheon Plate May Be Made for Front-Panel Operation, and Many Other Variations Are Possible; Left, Isolantite Form for Winding Short-Wave Coils; the Handle at the Top Is Convenient for Inserting and Removing the Coil; the Flat Top Provides a Surface for Labeling; the Small Groove at the Bottom Is for Primary or Ticker Winding



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CONDENSER MICROPHONE

By
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Is Easy to Build

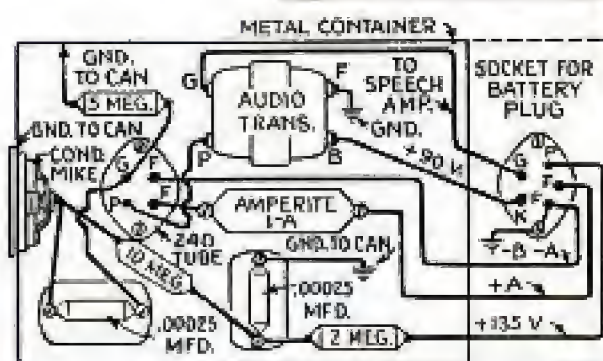


Fig. 1

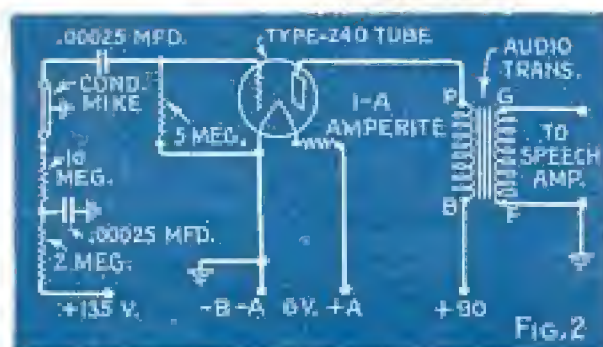
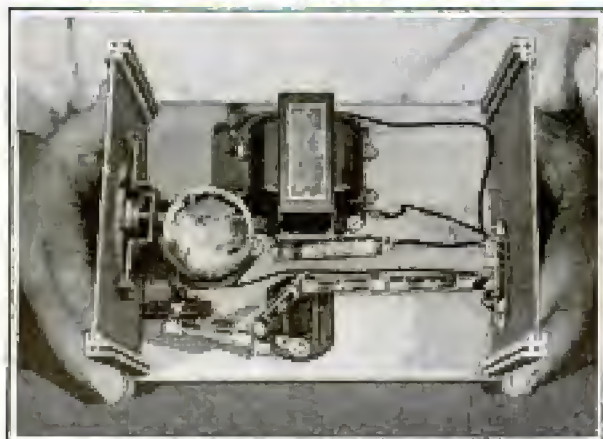


Fig. 2



CONDENSER microphones, generally conceded to have the best response of any type of audio pick-up known at this time, have been far beyond the pocket-book of the average experimenter. This homemade microphone, however, can be built and installed at very little cost by anyone equipped to make his own phonograph records, or operate speech-amplification equipment of any description. It shows remarkably good musical range without any bad resonance points.

The parts required can be purchased for less than \$5. The main item is the head, or single-button carbon microphone, from an old telephone. This is taken apart, and a copper or aluminum disk, about $\frac{1}{16}$ in. thick and the same diameter as the diaphragm, is then prepared. The disk must be heavy enough to stand some pressure at the center with very little give or spring. The carbon button is removed, and the carbon dust discarded. The part of the button that makes contact with the diaphragm is removed and the ring, which holds the button together, is screwed back

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Universal Microphone Co
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Mechanical FISH

a Riot in the

POOL

PROPELLED by a rubber-band motor, this mechanical fish churns the water like a black bass trying to shake a hook, and when turned loose in a pool, will almost make the goldfish climb the neighboring trees. By adjusting the fins it will swim at quite a depth and, when the rubbers are unwound, will rise to the surface quite naturally.

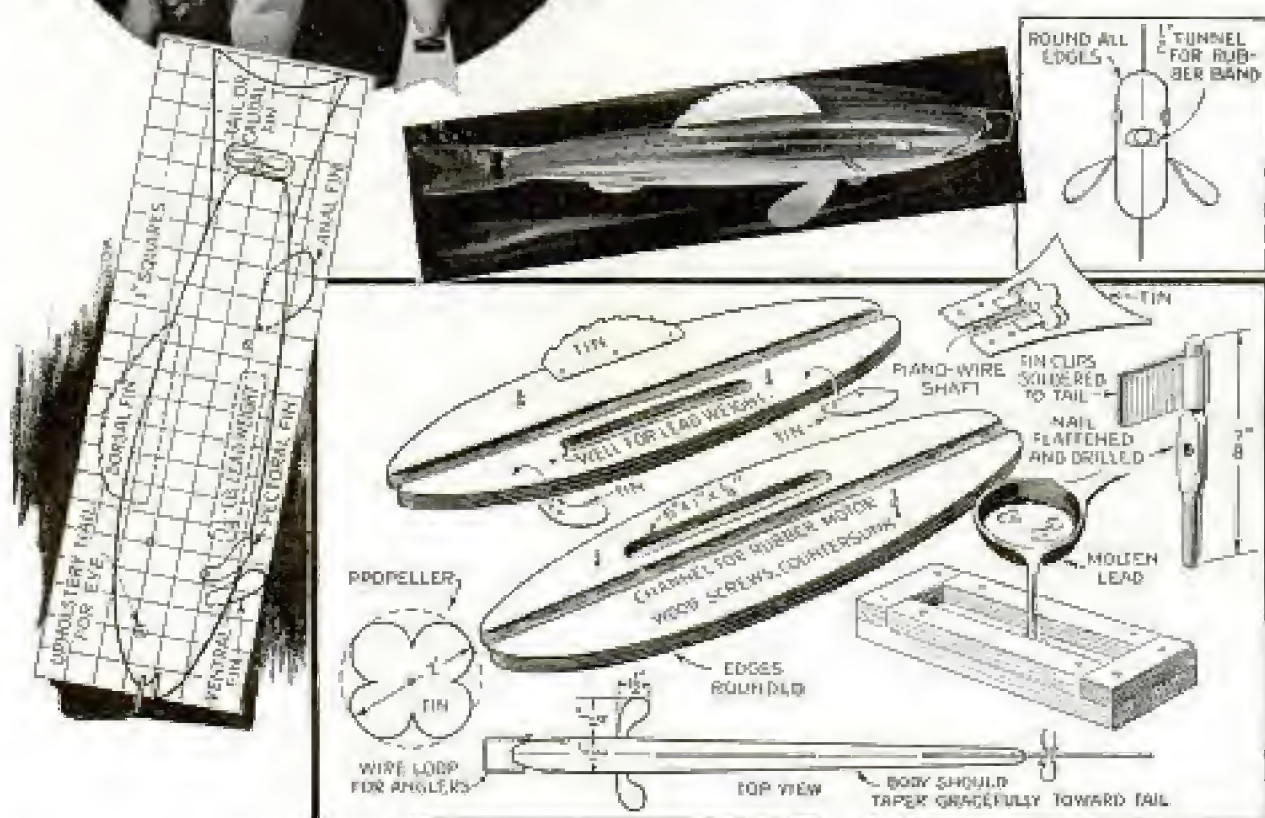
Saw out two matched halves for the body, using light, soft material, such as redwood, cedar or white pine, the latter being preferable as it does not split readily. Cut a groove for the rubber bands down the center of each half and chisel out a well for the lead ballast. The 22-in. model illustrated required $1\frac{1}{4}$ lb. of ballast or just half of its total weight. It is better to have the ballast a little over than under weight, as it is easier to trim the surplus away with a rasp and hacksaw than to add more lead. Tests in the water will show just exactly how much ballast is needed. The fish should float at rest with only the back fin and a very small area of the body above the surface. Then, when wound up and with the submerging fins tilted down slightly, it will dart toward the bottom like a real fish when danger threatens. Fasten the halves of the body together temporarily, plane to shape



and sandpaper to a smooth finish. Drive in four $1\frac{1}{8}$ -in. flat-head wood screws before taking apart, countersinking the heads. The fins and tail are nailed to one side only and, for a neat job, the wood should be recessed slightly to receive the fins, so that the halves will fit together snugly. Before installing the tail permanently, complete the propeller assembly.



You can now test the fish in the water. See that it floats at the proper depth. If not, correct this by trimming or adding to the ballast. Do not add weights to the outside as they will drag and retard the speed. A hand drill, clamping a wire hook, can be used to wind up the motor. Draw out the rubbers, by means of the rubber hook in the mouth, to twice normal length and give about 40 turns with the winder. Experiment will determine the proper amount of dip to the fins, and the tail can be bent to make it go right or left. After the first few trials, the motor can be wound up to 75 or 100 turns. Artists' oils



Make a four-blade propeller from a 2-in. tin disk, giving the blades a 30° pitch to prevent the propeller from spinning too fast and unwinding the rubbers too soon. Use about $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. piano wire for the shaft, bent over and soldered to the propeller as shown. The shaft bearing is made from a nail, flattened and drilled for the shaft to turn freely. This bearing is soldered to the tail by means of small tin clips, and the assembly is nailed permanently to the body. Then apply two coats of paint to both the inside and outside, string the rubber bands in place and finally screw the halves together.

with turpentine are used to color the fish. Upholstery nails, painted white with a black center, make good eyes. A wire nose hook is added to afford a means of catching the fish with a hook and line while in motion.

Improving the Flavor of Pears

Recent experiments have shown that the general idea of leaving pears on the tree to ripen in order to improve their flavor, is erroneous. It was found that, when taken off the tree and ripened indoors, they developed a far better flavor.

Solution for Bluening and Blackening Brass Ware

Brass articles may be given a blue or black color by first cleaning and then immersing them in a solution made by dissolving hypo, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., and lead acetate, 2 oz., in 1 gal. of water. More lead acetate may be added to deepen the color and to speed up the action. To use the solution, heat it almost to the boiling point and immerse the work, watching carefully to remove it when the color is of a suitable shade. Brass wire should be used to suspend the work in the solution, and the finished work should be protected with clear lacquer to preserve the finish.

Wire Rigging for Ship Models

Copper-wire shrouds simplify the work of rigging ship models and give a more realistic effect than tied threads. The shrouds and ratlines are drawn to scale on a board, allowing extra length for attachment to the model. A brad is driven into the board at the lower end of each penciled shroud line, and at the top where they join. The wire is stretched over each of the lines and wrapped around the brads. The ratline wires are then soldered across the shroud wires over the pencil lines. A hot iron will keep the solder from beading at the joints, and though the heat expands and loosens the wires, they will draw tight after cooling. When completed, the shroud is removed from the board and fastened in place on the model. Each ratline wire should be bent between the shroud wires to represent a slight sag.



Wire Shrouds and Ratlines Simplify Construction of Ship-Model Rigging and Add Realistic Effect

after which the assembly is given a coat of dark-brown paint.



Turning the Ice-Cream Freezer Made Easier by Anchoring It to the Floor or Table

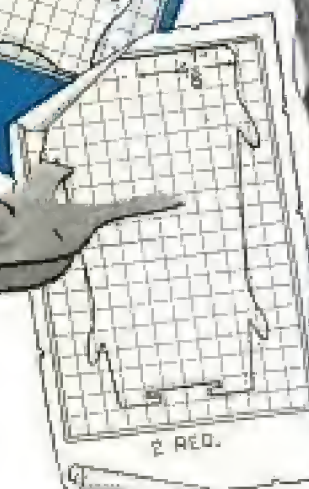
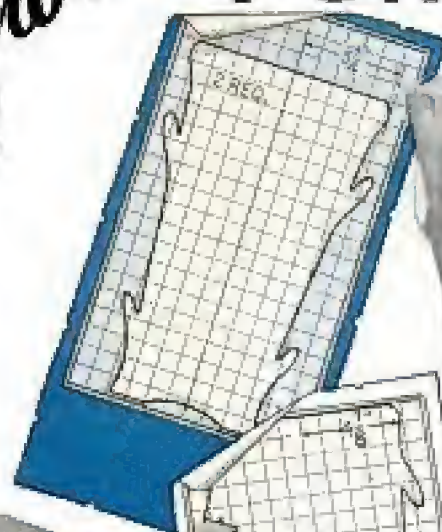
Anchoring the Ice-Cream Freezer

Ice cream can be made more easily if the freezer is anchored so that it cannot move around when the cream begins to freeze. Four hooks screwed into a board or table top, with corresponding screw-eyes driven into the freezer, will hold it securely so that the user can turn the crank with one hand, leaving the other free to add ice and salt.—Truman Greenwalt, Litchfield, Ill.

Hints for Successful Development of Double-Coated Films

Amateur photographers who have trouble in developing the new double-coated films can improve their work by following these suggestions: Soak the film about twice the usual time before developing, to let the water thoroughly saturate the coating, which permits an even penetration of the developer. This type of film should also remain in the developer longer than standard film. The detail does not appear until the last minute or so of development. The film should be washed carefully and then fixed for at least five minutes before turning on the lights. This extra time is necessary as the inner coating of the film does not fix as rapidly as the outside. Be sure the final washing is done thoroughly.—Ronald L. Ives, Upper Montclair, N. J.

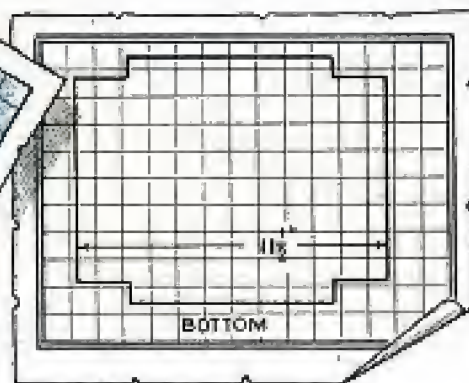
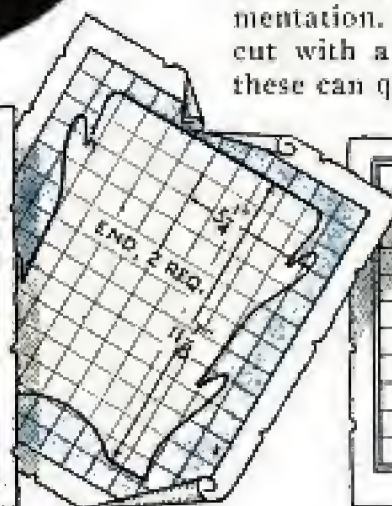
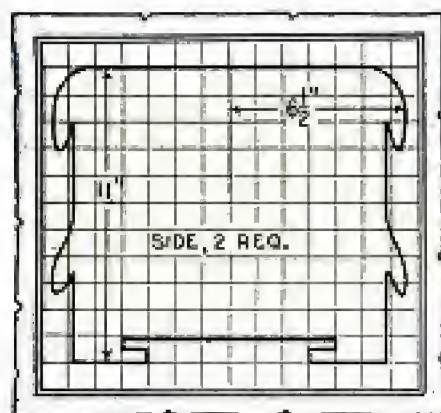
Plywood FURNITURE



ALL DIAGRAMS LAID
OUT IN 1" SQUARES



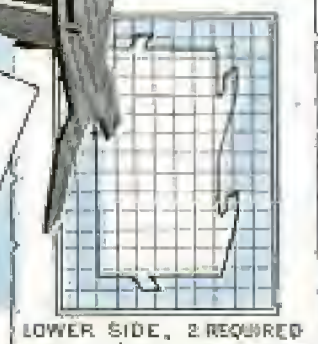
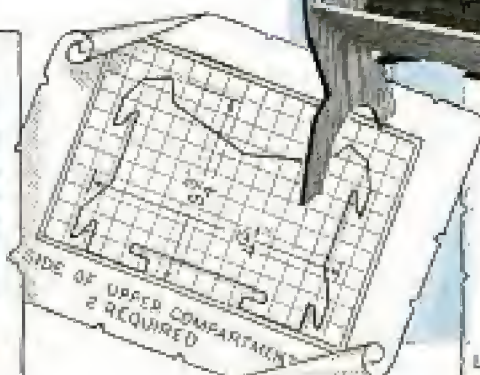
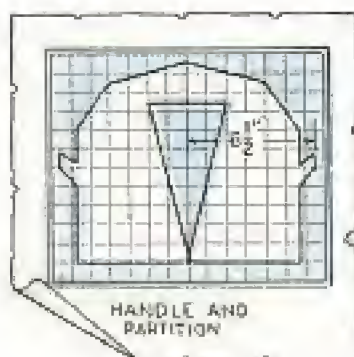
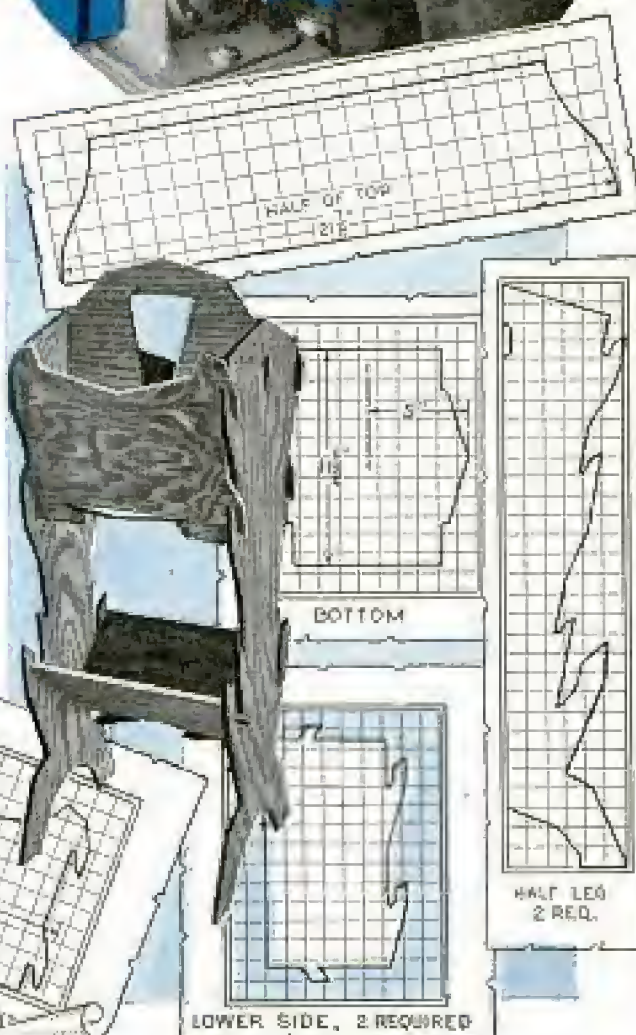
WASTE baskets, magazine racks and small tables that can be pulled apart in a moment for transportation or storage, and reassembled just as quickly, can be cut from plywood. First make cardboard templates that will fit correctly, and then trace the outline on $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. plywood. The finished pieces can either be stained or lacquered, and in the latter case, decalcomania transfers may be used for ornamentation. Although the wood may be cut with a hand scrollsaw, jobs such as these can quickly be turned out on a pow-



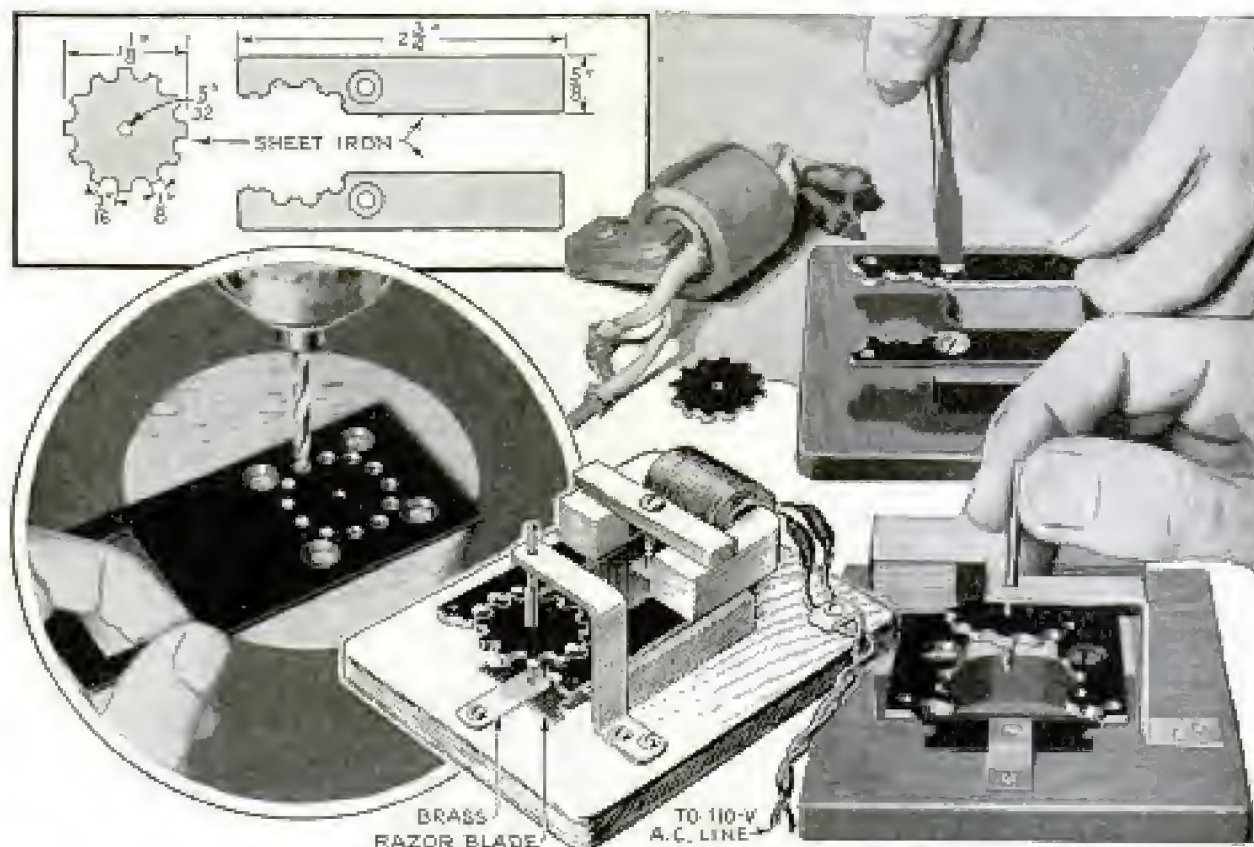
assembled without SCREWS or NAILS



er-driven saw of the same kind. In the case of the magazine rack, you will notice that increasing the weight by loading the rack with books and magazines, tends to make the pieces hold together more securely, which, of course, makes the whole unit more rigid. There is only one exception in the use of plywood and that is with the table top, as it is advisable to glue two wooden cleats to the underside. You can get the material from a lumber dealer, or buy it in kit form.



Toy Synchronous Motor Made of Scrap Parts



This simple synchronous motor, which is interesting and instructive as a toy, can be made from an a.f. radio transformer with the primary winding intact. Remove the cover and cut sections from the laminated-iron core so that the two poles are separated and will no longer make a closed magnetic circuit. Test the coil by connecting its primary terminals to a 110-volt a.c. line, without resistance. An iron nail held against the core should vibrate. Obtain a piece of soft iron, about $\frac{3}{16}$ in. thick, and cut from it a 1-in. disk. First prick-punch for a small hole to receive a nail that serves as the shaft, and with this mark as a center, scribe a 1-in. circle. Then divide it into twelve equal parts. At the division points, drill holes of a diameter about half that of the distance between the centers of the holes. Then, with a scrollsaw, fitted with a jewelers' blade, cut the disk out completely. Saw this piece off so that you will obtain two strips or pole pieces, each ending in three projecting teeth. Mount these on a block so that the disk, when attached to its shaft, will rotate between them without touching. It may be necessary to true up the disk and

pole pieces with a file. The disk shaft is about 2 in. long and is made from a nail. Cut off the head and file one end to a point while the nail is rotating. The point rests in a bearing made by punching a small hole in a strip of sheet copper or brass, mounted directly over an old razor blade, which makes a good bearing surface. The upper bearing is a hole drilled in a similar strip of sheet brass, bent and attached as indicated. The transformer coil is mounted so that each end of the core rests on one of the iron pole pieces which are pivoted to the base with wood screws. Adjust the pole strips so that the slight clearance between them and the rotating disk is uniform and connect the primary to the a.c. line. The ends of the secondary winding can be cut off or tucked out of the way, where they cannot be touched accidentally. The speed of a 12-pole disk on a 60-cycle current supply will be 300 revolutions per minute.

Ⓒ Melted sealing wax poured on the portion of a broken glass stopper that is in a bottle will, when dry, serve as a handle for removing it.

How to Make a Plastic Metal Alloy

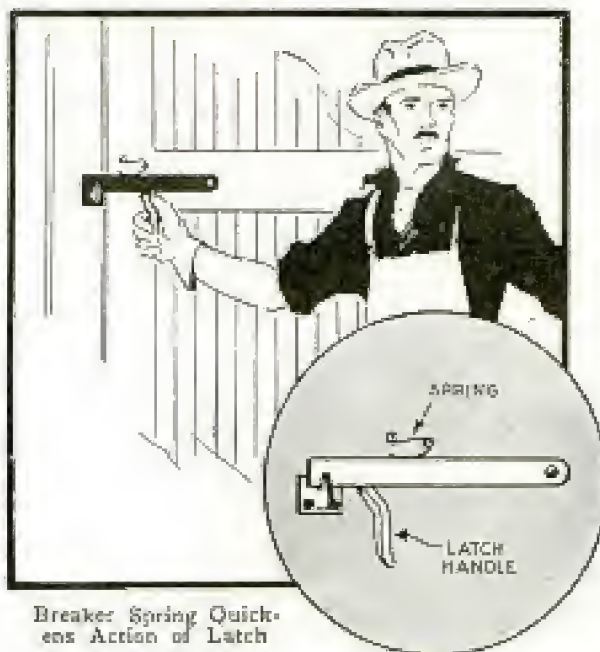
A plastic amalgam which sets in about 10 minutes can be made from copper and mercury, and is softened for use by heating it a little above the boiling point of water. The alloy can be used as a cement on some metals and for molding small objects. It will readily take a polish that is hard enough for many practical purposes. Copper for making the amalgam must be precipitated from copper sulphate. To do this, dissolve 3 oz. of copper sulphate in water and add zinc scraps, stirring constantly. When the solution loses its blue color, all the copper has been precipitated, and the unused zinc should be removed and the clear liquid poured off. Next, pour a few drops of sulphuric acid over the moist red copper and add 2 oz. of mercury. Stir the mixture vigorously until a thick, even paste is formed. The amalgam may then be washed to free it of acid, by stirring it in warm water. It can be worked with the fingers to any desired shape. It will set and completely harden in about 12 hours. If a harder amalgam is wanted, soften a portion of it and squeeze out a part of the mercury. To render the alloy softer, add more mercury and work it in with the fingers or with a mortar and pestle.

Rotating Lawn Sign Quickly Noticed

A lawn sign that rotates in the wind can be made from a ½-in. board, a small iron rod, a wooden stake and two pieces of tin. The rod is fitted into the top of the stake



to serve as a pivot, which engages with a hole drilled through the edge of the board. The pieces of tin are tacked to the edges of the sign and are bent as indicated to catch the wind.—Bert Ruthenberg, Wauconda, Illinois.



Breaker Spring Quickens Action of Latch

Breaker Spring Improves Door Latch

A breaker spring, such as used in practically all automobile distributors, will cause the ordinary barn-door latch to act quickly. The spring is held in tension above the latch by two screws driven into the door as illustrated.

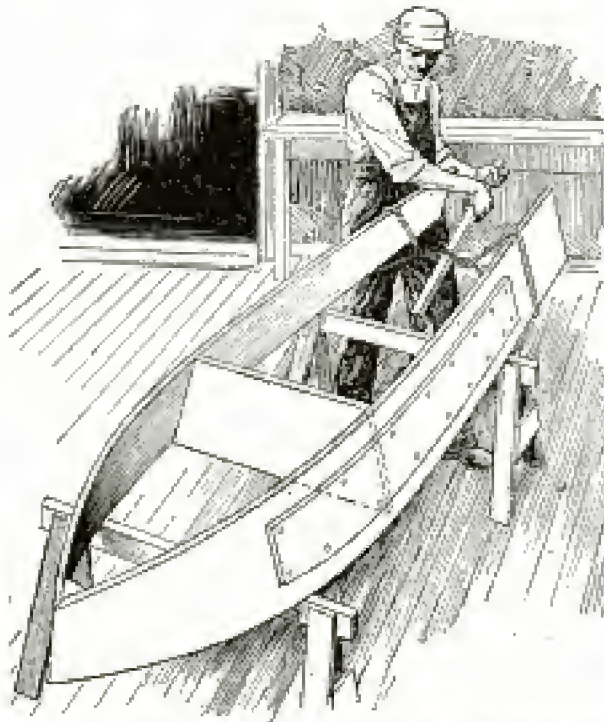
Diagonal Links Make Skid Chain Safer

Slipping of a car on muddy roads can be reduced considerably by fastening links diagonally across the skid chains as shown. They should, of course, be slightly longer than the regular cross links, but the ordinary hooks can be used for fastening them.



Emergency Repair for Gasoline Line

When the gasoline feed line on my car broke and nothing was available to make a temporary repair, I removed the hose from the tire pump and connected this to the broken ends of the line. One end of the rubber tubing was pushed inside the copper pipe, and the union at the other end was screwed on the pipe, the latter being soft so that the threaded end of the coupling could be twisted on tightly.—William Elder, Oakland, Calif.



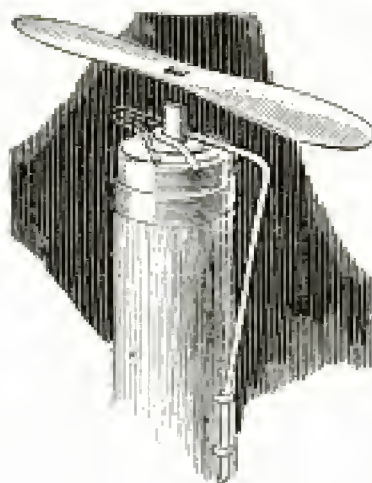
Board Temporarily Nailed to Weak Side of Boat Aids in Getting Correct Curvature

Plank Aids in Shaping Boat Hull

Bending both sides of a small boat symmetrically is made easy by temporarily nailing a light plank to the side that has a tendency to bend the most. Sometimes it is necessary to put more than one board on the weak side to hold it in position until it is securely fastened to the framework.

Helicopter Toy Is Propelled by Shade Roller

Driven by an old window-shade roller, this flying toy will reach unusual heights. A propeller is made and cut out in the center to fit over the flat end of the roller-spring rod as shown. The ratchet pawl is



removed from the end of the roller and a wire stop or trigger substituted, to hold the rod when the spring is wound tight. The wire is bent at one end to hold the rod, and the other end

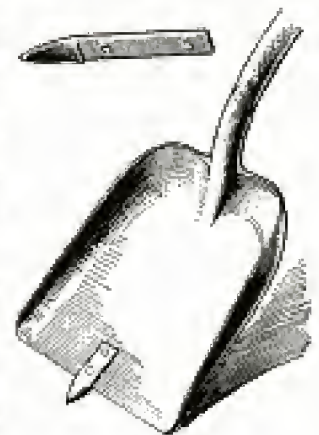
is stapled to the roller. In use, the propeller is placed over the projecting end of the rod, the spring wound and the wire allowed to come back into locking position. Then, by pressing on the wire, the propeller is projected into the air.

Noxious Weeds Killed by Spraying

Experimental tests completed by the farm-crops department of a mid-west agricultural college, indicate that noxious weeds, such as poison ivy, quackgrass, Canada thistles and others can be exterminated by spraying them with a solution of sodium chlorate, 1 lb., and water, 1 gal. This treatment is especially desirable in places where it is difficult to dig out the weeds. An ordinary hand sprayer can be used. Two or three applications are necessary to kill the weeds, the first being given when the plants are ready to bloom, and the second when they have started a new top growth. The third application is necessary only if growth begins again. Clothing saturated with the spray becomes inflammable when dry and should be washed out before it dries.

Lump Breaker on the Coal Shovel

A short piece of steel, drilled and ground to a point and riveted to the inside edge of a coal shovel will enable you to break large lumps of coal without battering the edge. When attached in this way, the breaker will not interfere with the use of the shovel.



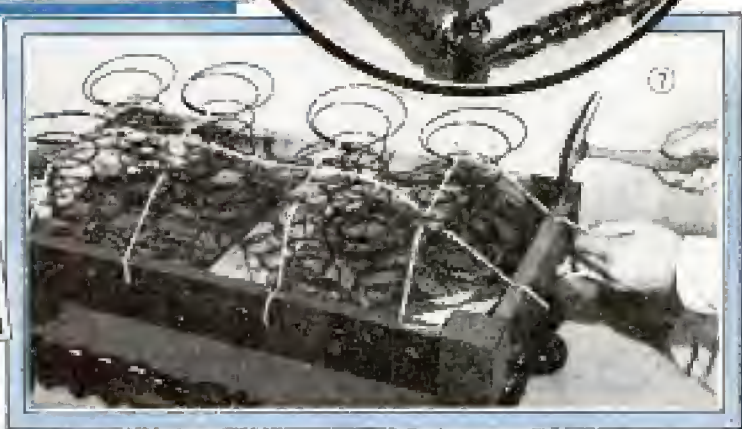
Auto Light Rids Tent of Bugs

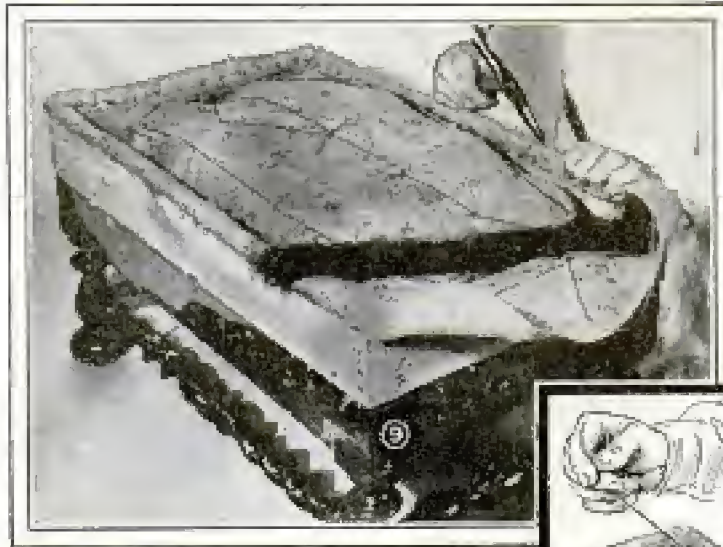
Bugs that have entered the tent during the day, can be killed after dark by turning the auto lights against the window from the outside or by placing a lamp so that it shines on the window from the outside. This will cause the bugs to fly against the lighted window where they can be killed.—Edgar Sherman, Tucumcari, N. M.

UPHOLSTERING

for the Home Craftsman

A TYPICAL upholstery job, featuring many of the operations common to present-day work, is the ottoman shown here. As in most other cases, the building-up commences with the webbing, as pictured in Fig. 3. A good grade of material, of standard $3\frac{1}{2}$ -in. width, should be used for this first operation, spacing the various webs so that at no place is there an opening wider than 2 or 3 in. To properly stretch the material, a webbing stretcher, Fig. 1, should be used. The webbing should not be worked to the utmost limit, as some slight measure of elasticity must be left so that it will give a little under pressure, but not so much that it will spring with the tying down of the springs. Both ends of each



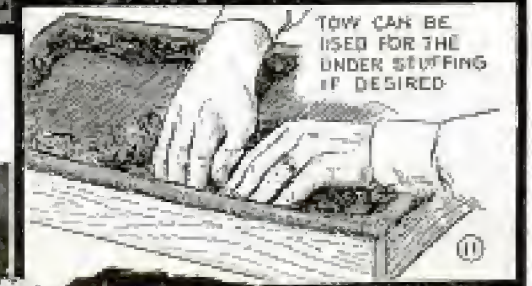
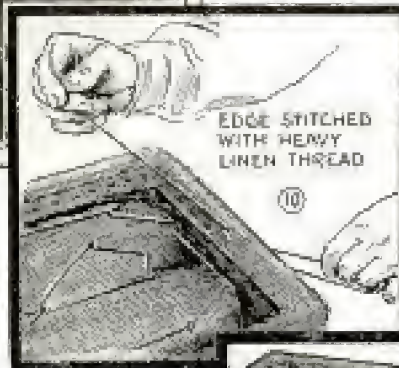


web should be folded double before tacking. Naturally, the stretched end must be tacked through a single thickness first and then retacked on the doubled web after the material has been cut off, as in Fig. 2. Tacks of 8 to 14-oz. weight should be used, dependent upon the nature of the work.

With the webbing in place, the springs can be sewed in, Fig. 4, using a good grade of sewing twine. Each spring should be looped three or four times, with the stitches so arranged that the final loop will be next to the following spring, as in Fig. 5. Nothing but standard spring twine should be used in the tying down, Fig. 7. In this operation, it is important that each of the springs is compressed equally and in a perfectly perpendicular line. For the average piece, crosstying, as shown in Fig. 7, is usually sufficient, but good work is often tied diagonally in addition to this. Strings are sometimes added to hold the springs out to the edge of the seat, working on the theory that all strain tends to push the springs inward. In any case, it is always wise to test the ty-

ing by roughly pressing each spring downward with your foot before proceeding with the burlap covering, as in Fig. 8. This covering should be neatly tacked in place with 6-oz. tacks, and the springs should again be sewed in place as shown.

Fig. 8 shows the upper box frame in place and the stitched edge being applied. The edge, in this case, is simply a narrow width of burlap, tacked along either long edge to form a tube in which is packed the moss filling, Fig. 9. After tacking the edge, it

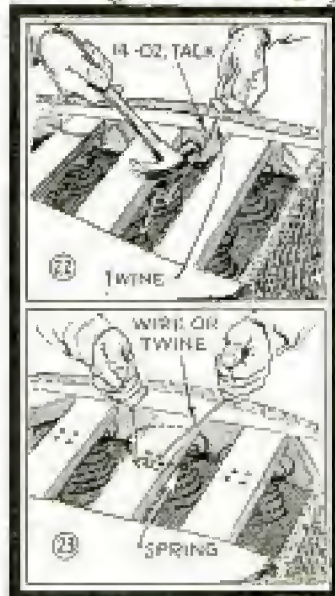


should be sewed evenly with heavy linen thread, using the packing needle with short stitches, Fig. 10. For the main filling, moss is invariably used in good work, but tow can be substituted for the under filling, as shown in Fig. 11, using moss for the center body, Fig. 12, and cotton batting for the top, Fig. 13. It is important that no loose strands should stick out and show at the edges of the finishing cloth which goes on next.

Referring to the picture of the finished ottoman, you can see that



there are two rows of beading, with pockets between them. The beading is simply a narrow length of the finishing cloth, doubled over a length of cotton rope and stitched. This is fitted in place at the proper level line and tacked all around, as shown in Fig. 14. The pocket is blind-tacked, using a strip of cardboard under the cloth, as in Fig. 15, so that, when the material is pulled down, it will form a straight edge, tight against the beading. Moss is used for filling in the space thus formed, enough being inserted to give the cloth a pleasing roundness, Fig. 16. A second row of beading and a second pocket applied in the same manner, complete the upper finish, the final end of the cloth



being carried to the underside of the stool and tacked. Any close-woven cloth in black or dark gray can be used for the bottom.

The simplest form of upholstering is the slip seat (see Fig. 17). This is common construction for fireside benches, dining chairs, etc. To repair the vanity bench shown here, the top should be removed by loosening the four

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One-Man Rubber Fishing Boat Is Portable



Fishermen who like to isolate themselves in lakes where boats are not available, can carry this light, portable boat along, which, although it does not have the comfort of a regular rowboat or canoe, will nevertheless enable them to fish in the open. The boat consists of an inner tube of extra-large size, as those used on trucks and busses, a circular sheet of waterproof canvas that will fit around the greater portion of the tube when it is inflated, and a large pressed-wood disk, slightly smaller than the inflated tire. The latter may be cut into two or three pieces and these

hinged together for convenience in carrying. To assemble, lay the canvas down, then the pressed-wood disk and finally the partly inflated tube.

Grommets should be provided along the hemmed edge of the canvas, to take a rope with which the edge can be drawn snugly over the tube. Then the tube is inflated as much as advisable, to hold the floor in place. The seat and back of a light chair may be used for increased comfort.

Cleaning Dusty Prints and Etchings with Water

Dusty or discolored prints and etchings can be cleaned by soaking them in a pan of pure, cold water, large enough to allow them to lie flat. No chemicals or additions of any kind should be used. If the print is just dusty, leave it in the pan for ten or fifteen minutes, when most of the dust particles will have floated off into the water. Do not rub the print while it is immersed, but rinse it so the water carries off the dirt. After draining thoroughly,

lay the print flat between two pieces of white blotting paper, and weight them down. If the print is glued to a mounting, it should be left in the bath until it comes off. Rubber erasers, art gum and other abrasives should not be used to clean a print. If it is not thoroughly dry after twenty-four hours, renew the blotting paper. A print should not be glued or pasted to a mount, but should be held in place with gummed paper hinges, such as are used for stamp albums, or white-linen gummed tape.

Drillpress Used to Fit Crystals in Watches

An unbreakable watch crystal can be replaced in its mount with the aid of a drillpress. The crystal is inserted by applying pressure to its center so that the circumference becomes slightly smaller. Drill a shallow hole in a piece of wood, the diameter of the hole being about three-fourths that of the crystal. Insert a length of $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. dowel rod, one end of which is rounded, in the drill chuck. Lay the crystal over the hole, concave side up, and place the metal ring of the watch on it. Then lower the drillpress spindle until the rod touches the center of the crystal, pressing moderately until it springs into place in the ring. If a little celluloid cement, airplane-wing dope or acetone is applied around the edge of the crystal, it will be held more firmly.

Increasing Effectiveness of Door Locks on Closed Cars

The effectiveness of door locks on closed cars can be greatly increased by doubling a suitable length of



a suitable length of $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. angle iron to fit over the handles as shown. The ends are split and turned out at right angles, so that a snug-fitting padlock can be slipped over them.

This will prevent a piece of pipe from being slipped over the door handles to break them off.

Cleaning the Chimney Chemically

A mixture consisting of 10 lb. of sal ammoniac, and $3\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of sulphur thrown into a furnace or stove will burn out the soot in the chimney. Too large a quantity of this compound should not be used at one time. Before throwing it into the fire, close all drafts and watch for burning particles of carbon falling on the roof.



Seat Suspended from Inflated Inner Tube Makes Water Float for Children

Inner-Tube Water Float for Children

A water float for children can be made by suspending a seat from an inflated inner tube with straps, as shown in the detail. Curved pieces of tin should be placed around the tube to carry the straps and prevent them from wearing the tube.—Fred A. Beard, Detroit, Mich.

Hands Kept Clean When Handling Paint Can

By wrapping a piece of inner tube around a paint or varnish can the contents can be kept from running down the side where it gets on the hands. Cut two bands from the tube. Double one and snap it around the can near the top. Then wrap a wide piece of tube around the can, so that it projects over the top edge. Snap a third band over this piece to hold it in position, the latter being placed a little below the first band. This causes the top of the rubber to flare out and catch all paint that else would run down the side of the can.





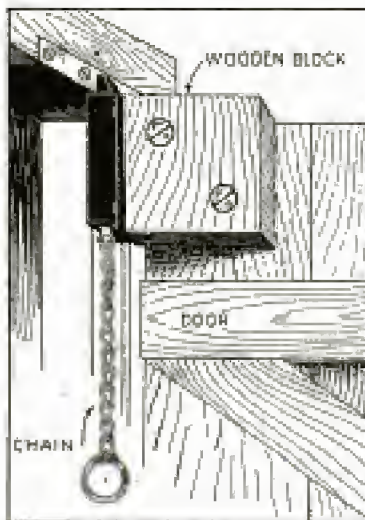
Hose Protected against Sharp Edges of House Corner by Vertically Mounted Roller

Roller Guard Set at House Corner Protects Garden Hose

Here is a simple method of using a roller to protect a hose when pulling it around the corner. The roller is set vertically so that it is free to revolve, and in this way prevents chafing of the hose, which usually results from contact with rough foundation stones.—C. E. Wittenbrook, Toledo, Ohio.

Keeping the Garage Doors Open

A neat arrangement for holding barn or garage doors open can be made by screwing a block of wood to the upper inside corner of each door and fastening a chain bolt to the block as shown in the drawing. Attached in this way, the bolt rises as soon as the door is opened and rests against the upper casing, holding the door open until the chain is pulled to release the bolt.

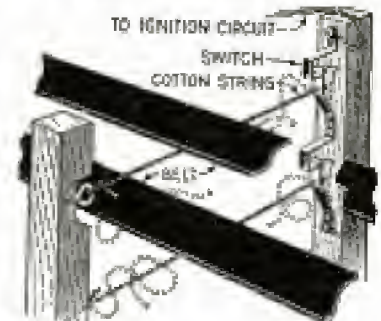


Consumption of Electrical Appliances Measured with Watch

Current consumption of electrical devices, such as radios, and soldering and curling irons, which are not rated in watts, can be estimated with a fair degree of accuracy as follows: First turn on a lamp of known voltage, being sure that no other lamps or appliances fed through the meter are in use at the same time. Then take a watch and time one revolution of the rotor disk in the meter. Multiply the wattage of the lamp by the number of seconds for one revolution of the disk. Turn off the lamp and turn on the appliance to be rated, timing the disk rotor as before. Then divide the number obtained from the lamp by the number of seconds in which the appliance turns the disk once, and the result will be the wattage of the appliance. For example, if a 100-watt lamp turns the disk in 24 seconds and the appliance turns it in 40 seconds, divide 2,400 by 40 and the result is 60 watts.

Broken Belt Stops Gasoline Engine

In order to stop an ungoverned engine when the belt broke or came off, the illustrated arrangement was found effective. Two vertical posts were set on each side of the belt and strips of spring brass were bent and fastened to one of the posts to form contacts, which were held together with strings running underneath the belt and tied to the other post. Wires from the battery or magneto on the engine were attached to the spring contacts and run back to the ignition system to complete the circuit. In this way, one or both of the strings were broken, and the contacts opened when the belt came off.



☛ A mixture consisting of equal parts of oil of anise, oil of caraway and oil of rhodium smeared on traps will prove effective in attracting rabbits.

Homemade Diving Helmet

to find **LOST MOTORS**

By William B. Park

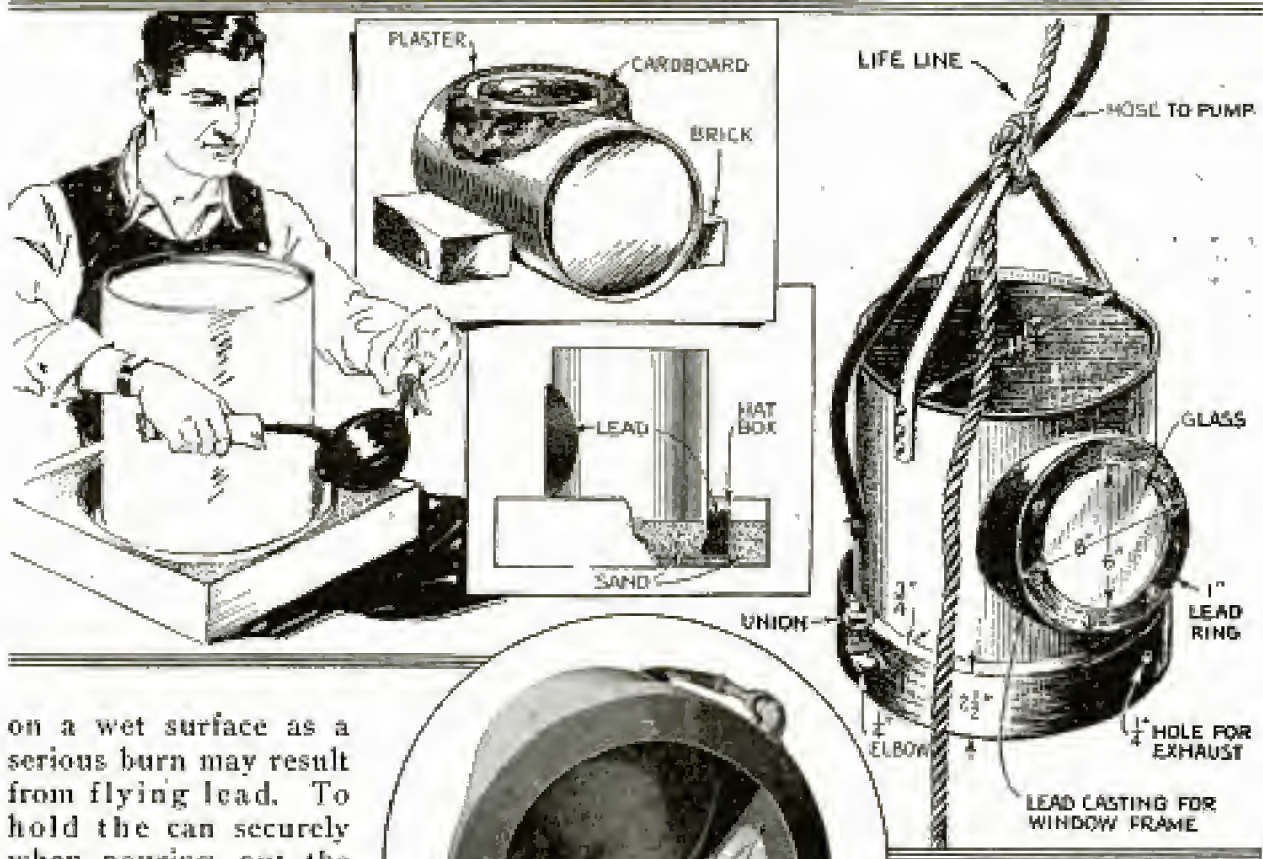
DESCENDING beneath the surface of a lake in a diving helmet is a new experience for the adventurous individual besides being of practical use at summer resorts in recovering lost outboard motors and salvaging wrecks in water not deeper than 25 or 30 feet.

The materials needed are: A heavy 5-gal. white-lead can; lead, about 50 lb.; a heavy plate-glass disk; a 50-ft. length of garden hose; a balloon-tire pump, and screws and a few pipe fittings. The can must be of a size to fit over the head with the edge resting on the shoulders and yet allow ample headroom. With the can so placed, the center of the window should be just a little below eye level. Punch-mark the center and scribe two concentric circles, 6 and 8 in. in diameter. The area between the two circles is scraped and tinned with solder. The frame for the window is then cast of lead, a mold be-



ing made by using two cardboard strips, 4 in. wide, which are glued at the ends to form rings. The rings are trimmed to make a snug fit at the window location, and plaster of paris is used to hold them in place. After the plaster has hardened, the helmet is set in a warm place to dry. Do not pour lead





on a wet surface as a serious burn may result from flying lead. To hold the can securely when pouring, put the top of the mold in a level position and block the can with bricks. About 15 lb. of lead are required for the window frame. Always heat the ladle before dipping it in the lead pot. The lead is poured when it is just above the melting point, keeping your face at a safe distance. When the shallowest point of the pour is $\frac{1}{2}$ in. deep, the casting is finished. The inside of the window may then be cut out with a hacksaw.

The lead ring, or collar, which holds the glass in the frame, is made in a similar manner. It is poured about $\frac{1}{2}$ in. deep. A 7-in. disk of heavy plate glass is fitted to the lead casting, a carpenter's block plane being used to dress the lead down flush with the surface of the glass. A sharp blade should be used and thin shavings taken off until the surfaces match perfectly. In order to make sure of a tight fit, use a thin piece of paper as a gauge and try it between the glass and the planed surface.

Now the big casting at the base of the can must be made. Get a round hat box about 2 in. larger in diameter than the

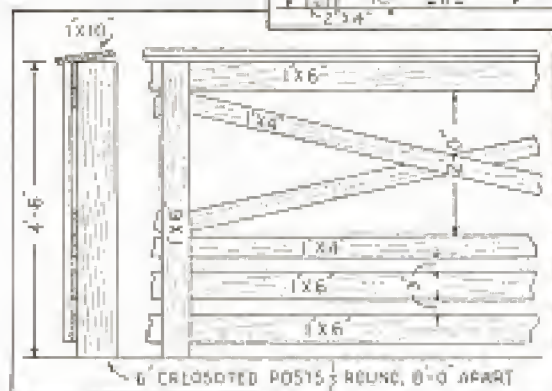
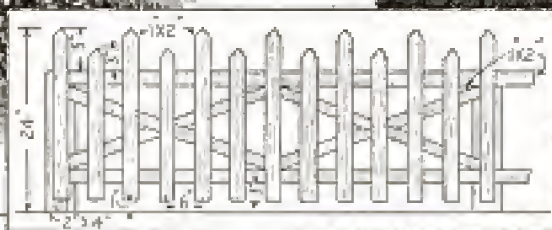
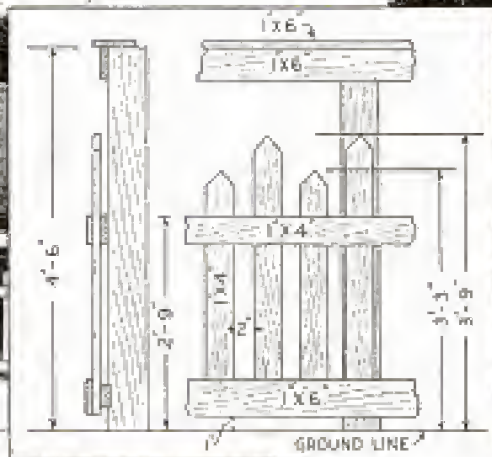
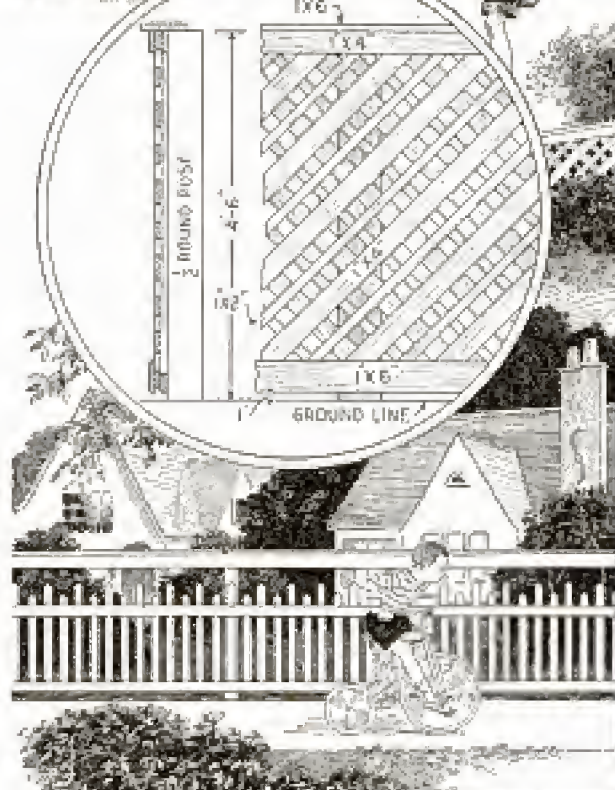
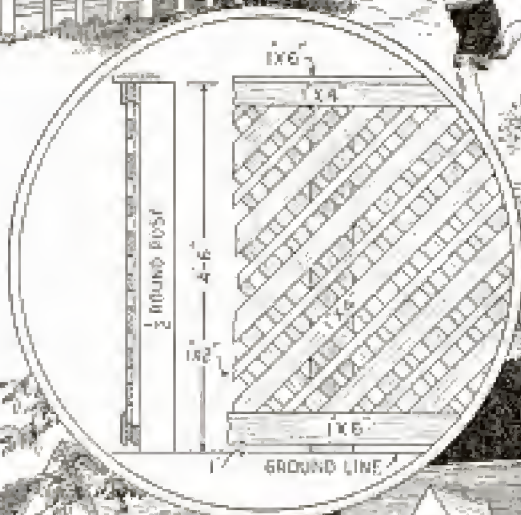
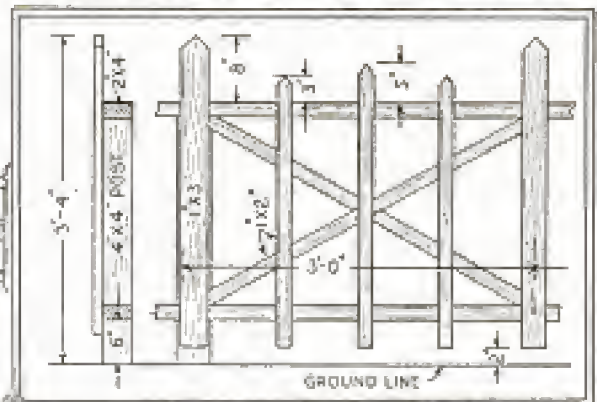
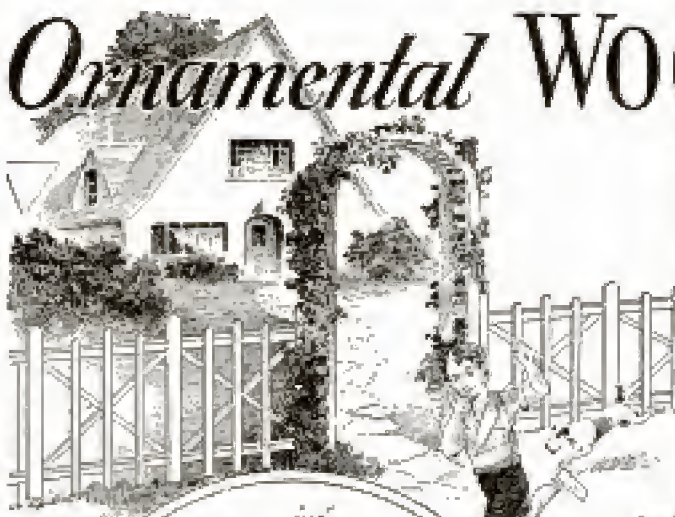
can. Place the box in a larger case of corrugated cardboard and set the helmet inside the hat box, with the open end down, adjusting it to a concentric position.

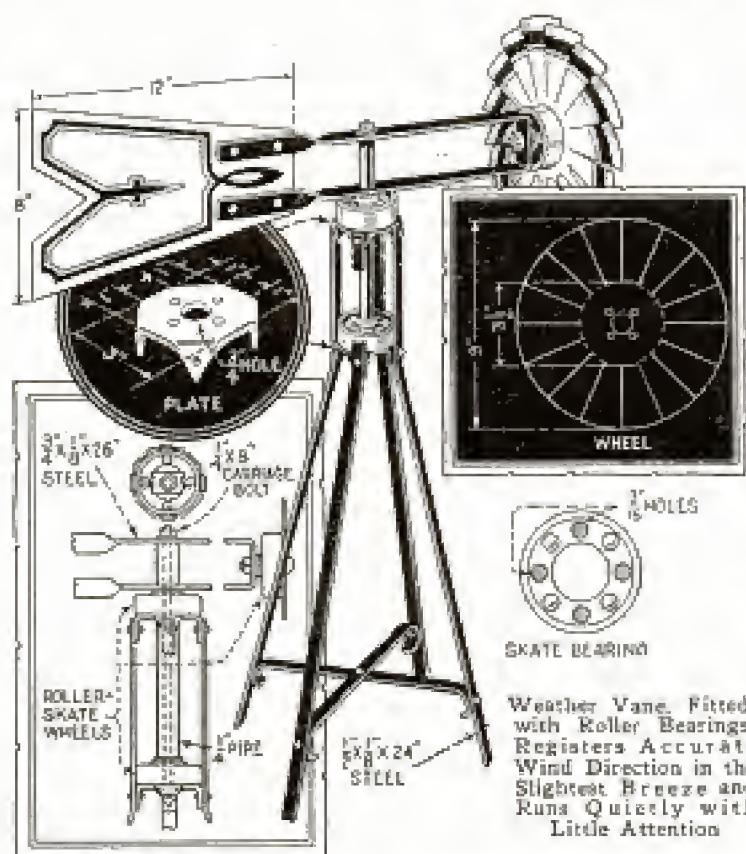
Weight the top with bricks to hold the can down firmly. Then, with the aid of a paper funnel, pour sand through the window inside of the helmet, being careful to keep the sand out of the bottom of the mold. Pack the outside of the hat box with more sand and then pour the lead to a depth of about 2 in. About 30 lb. of lead will be needed for this purpose.

After the base of the helmet has been poured, place the glass disk on the lead frame and mark six holes at regular distances around the circumference. Drill holes to take stove bolts through the glass and window frame, using a camphor-and-turpentine cutting fluid. White lead is then smeared on contacting surfaces liberally, after which the glass is set in place and the collar put on. Pull the glass down slowly and evenly by tightening the bolts. As an extra precaution against leakage,

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Ornamental WOODEN FENCES





An All-Metal Windmill Weather Vane

With three skate wheels, bar and sheet iron, you can make a ball-bearing windmill weather vane that will indicate the wind direction in the slightest breeze. First make two sheet-metal plates as indicated, and rivet four flat-iron legs to them, crossbracing the legs at the bottom to make a rigid support. Four of the holes found on one side of the skate wheels are then extended entirely through to take round-head stove bolts for attachment to the plates, which are also drilled in the center to take a carriage bolt. The latter is inserted through the skate wheels and serves as a pivot shaft for the vane. Spacers of $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. pipe are used between the plates and between the frame. The wheel and vane are cut from sheet metal. A skate wheel is mounted to the wheel and attached to the frame with a carriage bolt. The completed weather vane is painted and mounted in a suitable place where it will run with little attention except an occasional oiling.

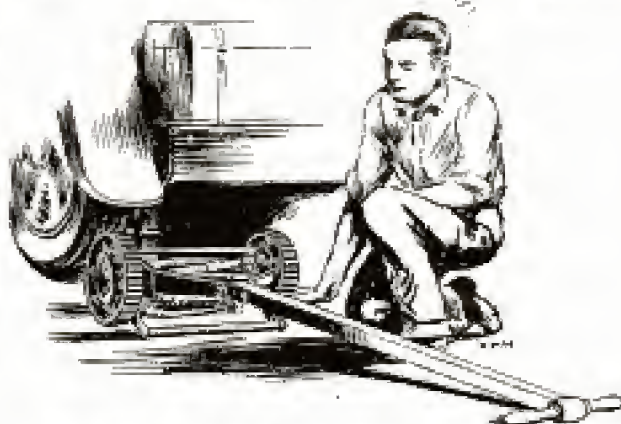
☛ The luster of shellac can be increased by adding 2 to 4 fluid oz. of Venice turpentine or Canada balsam, thinned with an equal quantity of alcohol, per gallon.

Dash Control of Carburetor Needle Valve Saves Gas

After carefully checking the fuel consumption against the recorded mileage of my car, I found that by controlling the carburetor needle valve from the instrument panel, in order to use the leanest possible mixture at all times, I could average approximately six miles more to the gallon of fuel. To do this, I inserted the flexible shaft from an old speedometer cable into a suitable length of $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. copper tubing to reach from the panel to a point just above the needle valve, where it was anchored with the manifold bolts, while the other end was inserted through a hole drilled in the panel. I then soldered a knob from a gear-shift lever to the panel end of the shaft, and soldered the other end to the top of the adjusting nut on the valve. By turning the knob on the panel, the needle valve can be adjusted while driving.—Arthur Walrath, Cohoes, N. Y.

Car Aids in Sharpening Lawnmower

Here is a good way of using a car for sharpening a lawnmower by changing the dog in one wheel so that the knives turn backward, and then applying an abrasive. The mower is tipped up on the roller and the wheel allowed to come in contact with the rear wheel of a car, which is jacked



Lawnmower Sharpened by Applying Abrasive to Blades and Revolving Them with Rear Wheel of Car

up and run in low gear.—H. W. Loop, West Branch, Mich.

Cleaning Rusted Golf Irons

If an ordinary cotton buffing wheel or wire scratch brush does not clean badly rusted golf irons, use coarse emery cloth on a sanding drum run at high speed. This quickly removes all rust and scale and leaves the irons in a clean, but dull condition. Next polish them with a cotton buff or solid-felt wheel, the latter being preferable. When new, a felt buffing wheel is rather expensive, but a second-hand one, obtained from the buffing room of a metal-working or plating shop, can be cut down to suit your needs. A little rouge or crocus powder should be applied to the felt for the final polishing, which gives a fine satin finish. Fine emery cloth will clean an iron when it is dull, but it is too slow for removing rust and stains. If two felt wheels are available, the edge of one may be covered with liquid glue and then rolled in fine emery while the glue is wet. The felt is then tapped lightly to force some of the powder into the fibers, and when dry, makes a good cleaner. A coat of clear lacquer should be applied to the irons after polishing to retain the luster.—H. Caldwell, Toronto, Can.

Safety Pin Makes Guide on Rule



A hook for holding the end of a rule flush with the edge of work that cannot be conveniently reached with the hand, can be made from a safety pin. Cut off the head of the pin and bend $\frac{1}{8}$ in. of the pointed end at right angles so that it can be pressed into the side of the rule, when placed in position as indicated in the photo.

Tools for Forming Wire Novelties

Here are two tools with forked ends that are useful for bending wire when making trellises or any other wire novelties in the home workshop. Both tools are made of $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. steel rod, one consisting of two pieces welded together to form a tee, while the other is bent only at one end to an L-shape. A slot to fit the wire

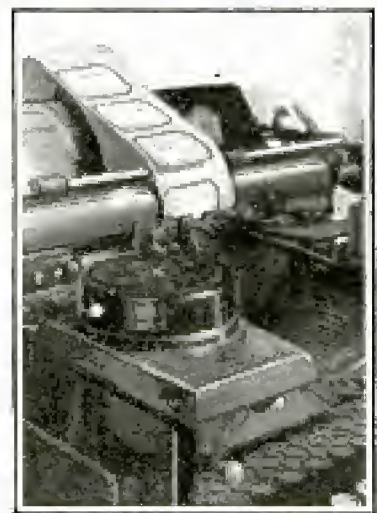


Wire Novelties Made in the Home Workshop with Aid of These Two Simple Bending Tools

is cut in the working end of each, as indicated. By using these tools you can obtain almost any leverage on the wire in order to bend it to the desired shape. For trellis work, small steel bands may be used to hold the wire together at the joints.

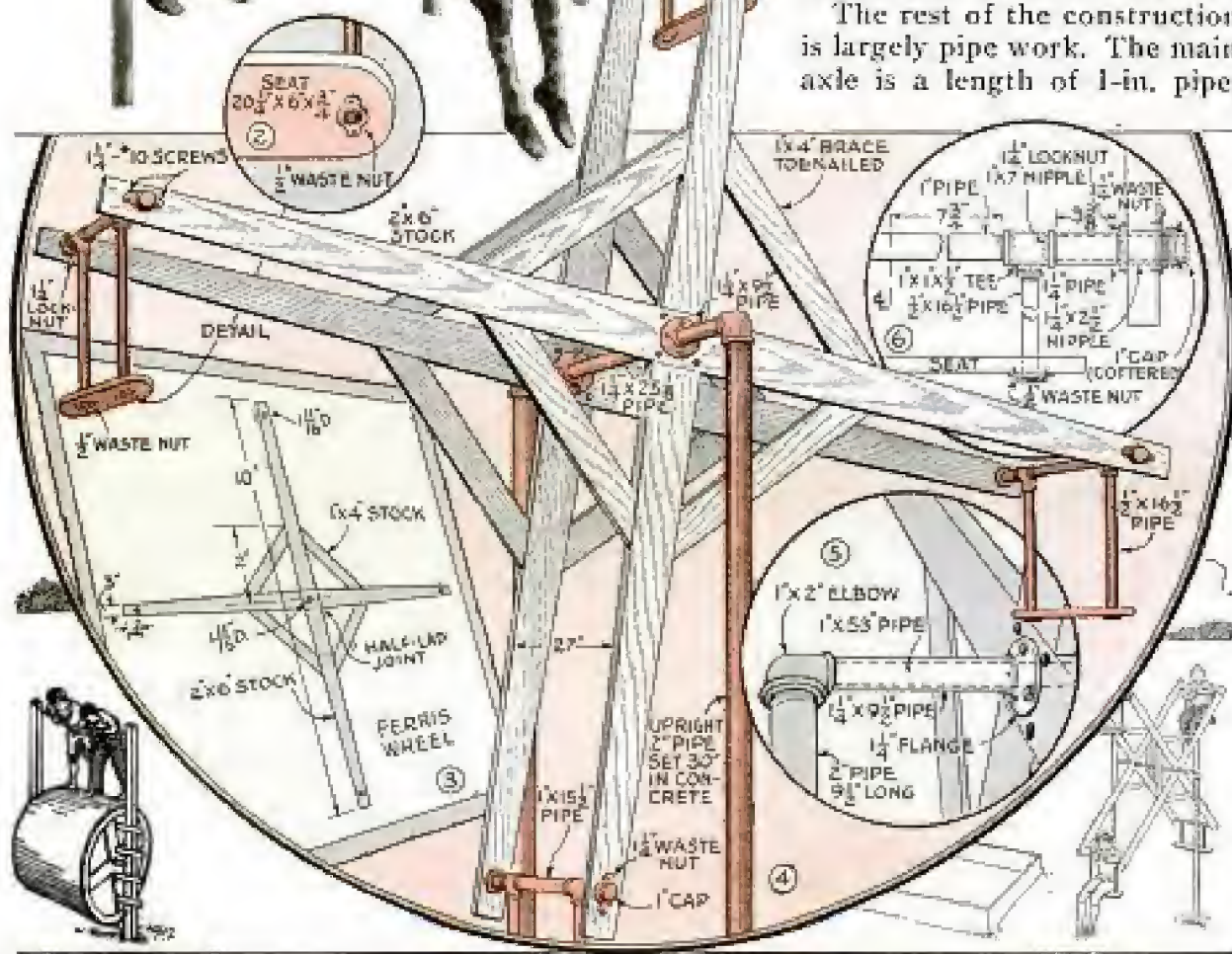
A Handy Method of Typing Labels

Labels can be quickly typed by sticking their upper edges to a strip of adding-machine paper and running it through the typewriter as indicated in the photo. After the typing is completed it is an easy matter to strip the labels from the paper. The much greater ease and speed at which the work can be done more than makes up for the time required to put on and remove the labels.—J. Newton, Beaumont, Tex.



to take a short 1¼-in. pipe nipple, and similar holes are drilled 4 in. from each end, as shown in Fig. 3. Wooden braces of 1 by 4-in. stock are toe-nailed into place to give each frame sufficient stiffness.

The rest of the construction is largely pipe work. The main axle is a length of 1-in. pipe,

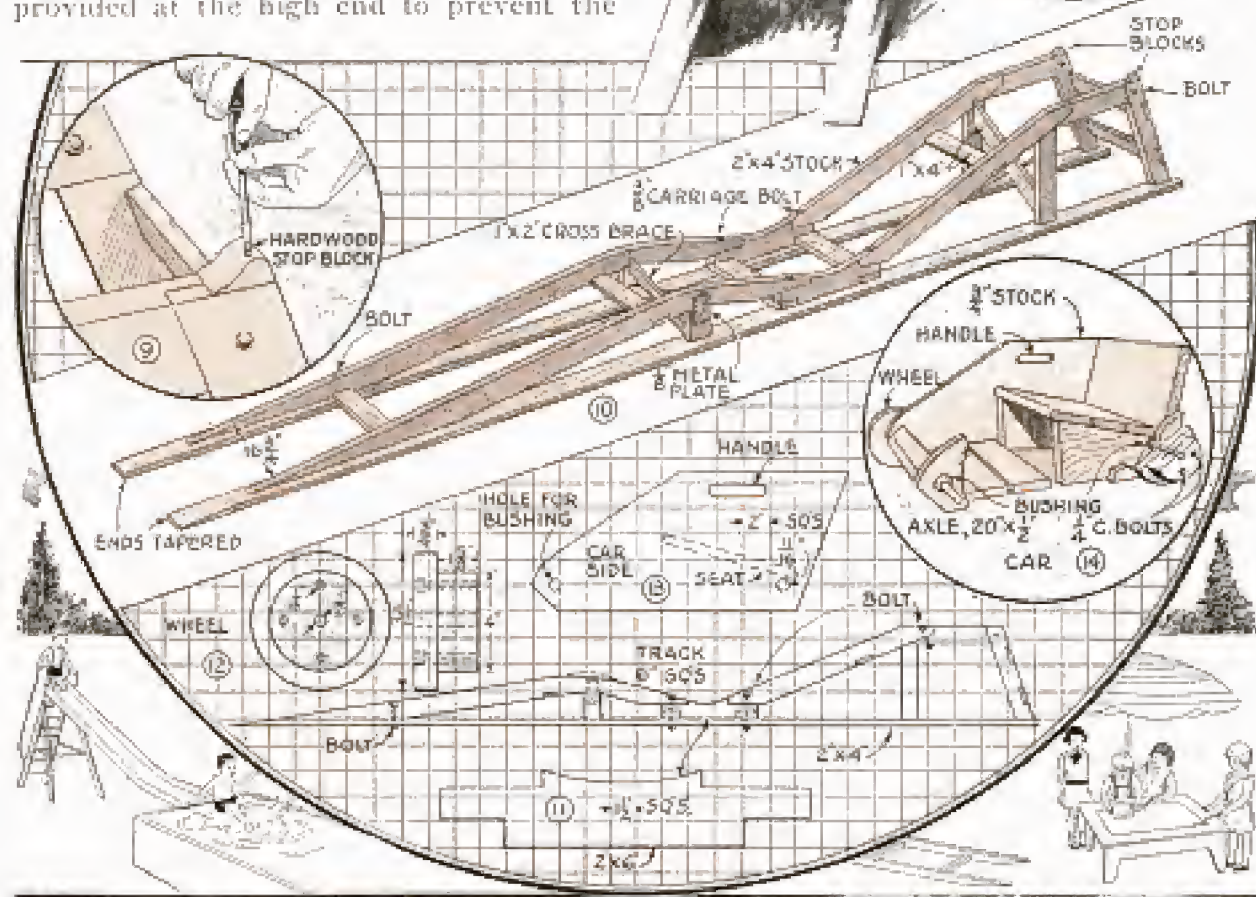


YARD PLAYGROUND

OR A
SCOOTING RIDE
OVER THE
HUMPS
OF THE
ROLLER
COASTER

53 in. long. Pipe nipples, $1\frac{1}{4}$ by $2\frac{1}{2}$ -in., are fitted at the center holes on each frame and capped with floor flanges to form a substantial bearing. Additional lengths of $1\frac{1}{4}$ -in. pipe are used to form the proper spacers, as shown in Figs. 4 and 5. The axle ends are coupled to suitable elbows, which make connections with the two, 2-in. uprights. These are $9\frac{1}{2}$ ft. long, allowing 30 in. to be set in concrete. A good idea of the swings can be gathered from Figs. 4 and 6. Bearings are provided on the wooden frame, the 1-in. pipe neatly slipping through the $1\frac{1}{4}$ -in. nipples used. You will notice that the 1-in. cap at each end is fitted with a cotter key to prevent it from working loose.

The roller coaster is a popular ride. The construction is almost entirely wood with the exception of a little job or two in connection with the car. The track should be made first, using 2 by 4-in. stock. All humps should be neatly smoothed off, as indicated in Fig. 8. Stop blocks should be provided at the high end to prevent the





car from going off backward. All of the necessary dimensions can be obtained from the side elevation, Fig. 11. Most of the joints feature bolt construction. The little hump, however, does not lend itself to this type of fitting and must be fastened with a metal plate, which should be securely screwed in position. Details of the car construction are given in Figs. 12, 13 and 14. It is quite obvious that some care must be exercised in order that the finished car may show the proper clearance when placed on the track—about $\frac{1}{8}$ in. at each wheel. The bushings indicated in Fig. 14, which furnish the bearings for the $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. axle, are from a Ford model-T triple gear. To prevent the wheels from coming off, a $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. hole is drilled through the axle at each end, and these holes are lined up with similar holes through the outer wheels and stopped with a long finishing nail.

Paint the track green and the car red for a colorful combination.

On this page are two reliable standbys of the back-yard playground, the rocker swing and the sandbox. Both of these are rather elementary in construction and demand no detailed description. The rocker is particularly simplified if you can get an old wagon wheel to do duty for the curved pieces; otherwise they must be made up as for the treadmill, which will be described later. A half-circular rim, 4 ft. in diameter, makes the ideal rocker swing. The 1 by 4-in. timber, which supports the 1 by 2-in. seat slats, should be extended some 6 in. beyond the curved piece on either side, as shown in Fig. 16, in order to furnish a safety stop for the too ambitious youngster.

Standard flooring stock goes nicely together with 1 by 8-in. boards to make the sandbox shown in Figs. 17 and 18. The lids of the box are fitted with 5-in. strap hinges, bent

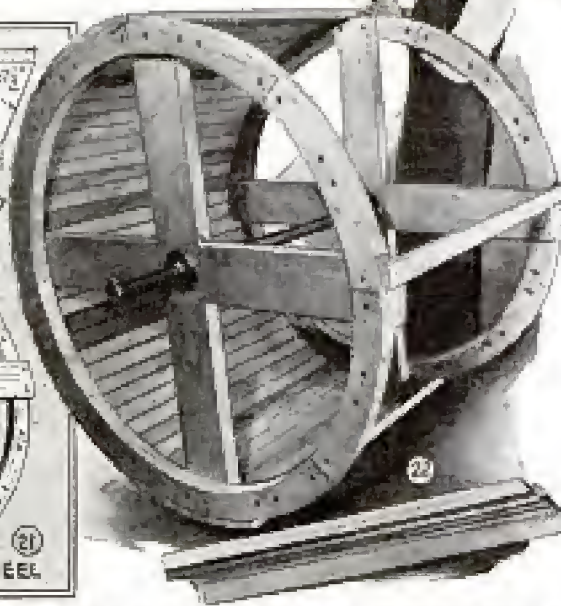
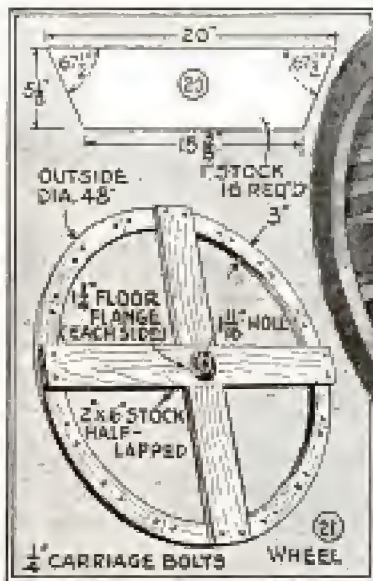


Two Reliable Standbys of the Playground Are the Rocker Swing and the Sandbox Shown Above

up on the underside. Exact dimensions are much a matter of preference. The one shown is 8 in. deep, 60 in. long and has two 15-in.-wide lids hinged to sidepieces 9 in. wide. Cross supports of 2 by 2-in. stock should be provided on the bottom, to keep the box a little above the ground, or, if desired, 12 or 18-in. legs can be added to lift the box completely free of the soil.

This is very often done when the box is lined with galvanized metal to serve the dual purpose of a sandbox and a bathing pool. In any case, it is best to have an awning of some kind if the box is continually exposed to direct sunshine.

For real honest-to-goodness exercise, there's nothing that quite equals the treadmill, shown in Figs. 19 to 24, inclusive. Any youngster will gladly run to the store a hundred times when the running is converted into revolutions on this big drum. Here again, wagon wheels would simplify the construction, but as these are neither common nor inexpensive, we may as well work from raw lumber. Imagining that a 4-ft. wheel will suit your requirements, start by cutting 32 sections like the one dimensioned in Fig.



The Treadmill Makes Fun of Exercising; This One Is an Outside Wheel, but an Inside Tread Can Be Made by Increasing the Diameter

20, 16 of these being required for each of the two wheels. Eight of these sections, when butted together end to end, will make up a complete circle; a second layer of eight will lap the joints and make everything quite solid. With the sections nailed together, the wheel can be easily cut on the bandsaw, as in Fig. 19, in the usual manner followed for cutting circles. The inside cut can be made by opening up one of the joints to admit the blade, Fig. 21

shows the second stage of each wheel. The joint is bolted securely with $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. carriage bolts. Cross-pieces of 2 by 6-in. stock, half-lapped at the center, furnish the spokes. The bearing follows along the same lines as the Ferris wheel, a short nipple with floor flanges being bolted on either side. Fig. 22 shows 1 by 2 by 36-in. slats being applied, one nail and one screw to each end. A 48-in. length of 1-in. pipe serves as the axle, with $6\frac{3}{4}$ -in. pieces of $1\frac{1}{4}$ -in. pipe outside the flanges to take up end

play. Each end of the axle is fitted with a 1-in. waste nut, and these are bolted directly to the 4 by 4-in. oak uprights, as in Fig. 24. Fig. 23 shows the finished treadmill. You will notice that the oak uprights are left sufficiently long to enable fastening a life-saver rope across the top. Four steps screwed to one of the posts provide an easy way of getting to the top of the mill; there is never any difficulty in getting off.

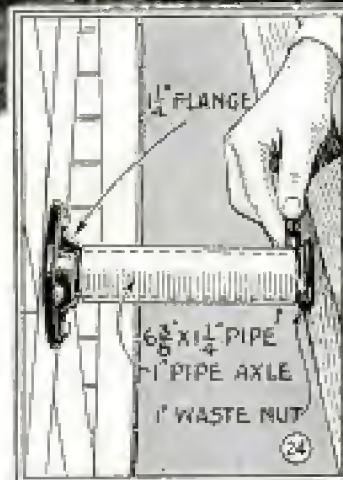


The treadmill just described is the outside tread, that is, you do your running on the outside. By making the wheel 8 or 9 ft. in diameter and following the same construction, you can make an inside treadmill. This offers a particularly thrilling ride, since the passenger, once the wheel is going at top speed, can grip the axle, press his feet tightly against the slats and go right on, head over heels, for a complete somersault. Then, too, you need not stop at the few pieces described in this article. Naturally enough, there will be seesaws, swings, the reliable high bar, and so on.

How to Stain a Bamboo Fishing Rod

You can easily imitate the popular brown color on bamboo fishing rods, with a good grade of stain. Although some of these rods are made in factories by a tempering process, the greater number are stained or are given several coats of col-

ored gloss varnish. Either a solution of permanganate of potash in water, or aniline dye with clear grain alcohol as a solvent, can be used as a stain. The former is recommended if the glued strips show hairlike openings between them, as the dye works into these cracks and injures the rod. To stain the rod, remove all windings and then rub off the old varnish with fine steel wool. Next polish with pumicestone and water, using a light piece of soft felt. Then rub the rod until it takes on a high polish. The stain should be applied with a cotton swab, going over each section carefully to leave no breaks. It is then left to dry and rubbed to a high polish with a piece of felt. Apply as many coats of stain as may be necessary to obtain the desired color. Then give the rod a coat of rod varnish. When it has dried, the windings are put on and the rod is given successive coats of varnish until they are well protected.

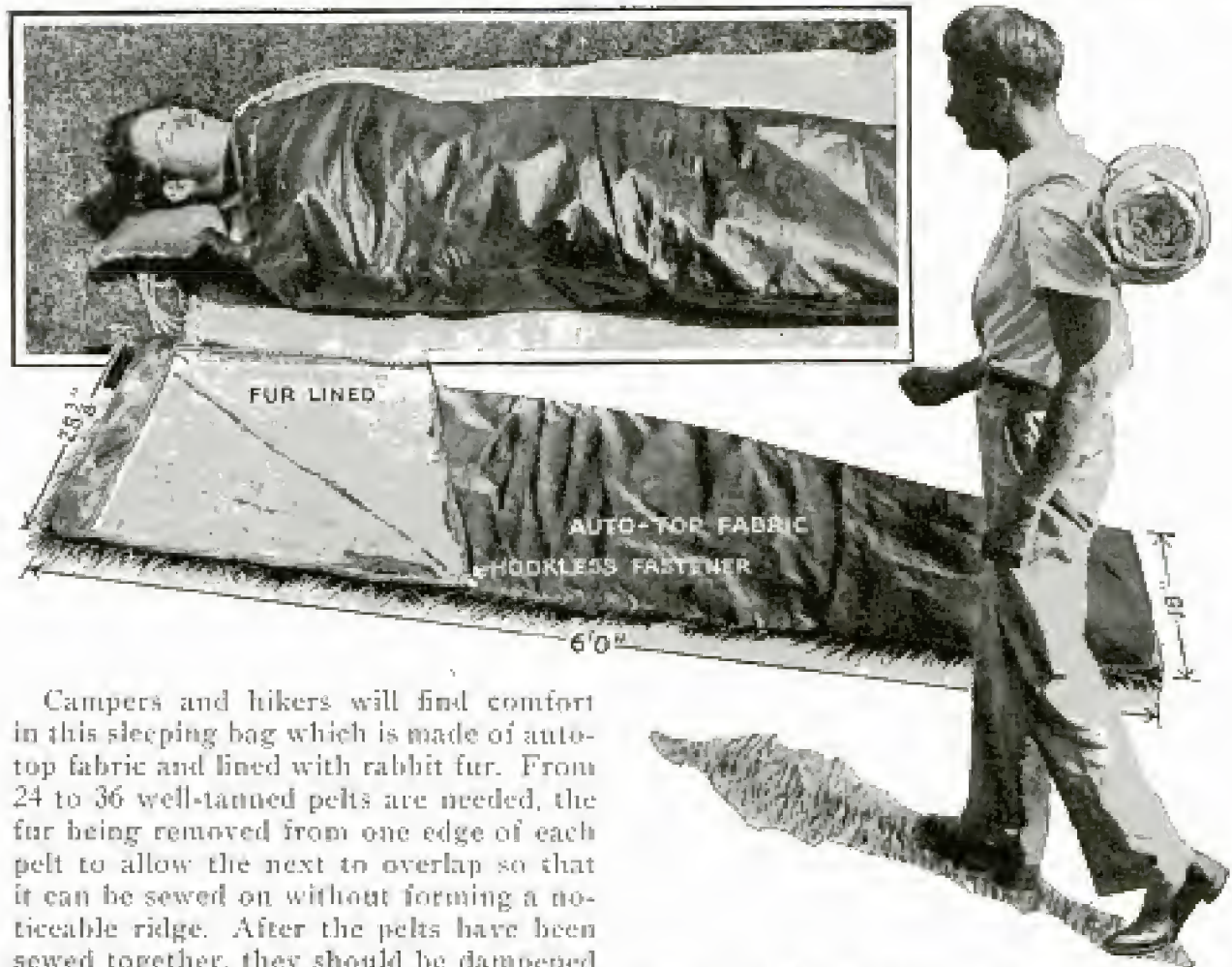


Rotating Soap Slicer from Can Lid

A tin lid from a coffee can was used to make the illustrated soap slicer. The lid was cut in three places and the tin on one side of each slit pushed down to form the blades. A large nail through the center of the lid holds the cutter to the cake of soap, while a cork or spool is used for a handle. Rotating the cutter chips off the soap in slices, the thickness of which is regulated by the pressure against the soap and the angle to which the blades have been adjusted.



Fur-Lined Sleeping Bag Is Light and Warm



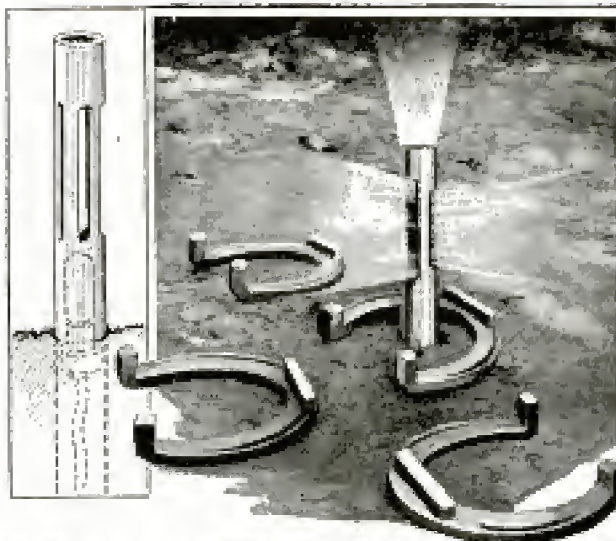
Camper and hikers will find comfort in this sleeping bag which is made of auto-top fabric and lined with rabbit fur. From 24 to 36 well-tanned pelts are needed, the fur being removed from one edge of each pelt to allow the next to overlap so that it can be sewed on without forming a noticeable ridge. After the pelts have been sewed together, they should be dampened and stretched over a frame to dry, in order to prevent the bag from coming out of shape later. The entire assembly is sewed to a strong backing of airplane silk at 3 or 4-in. intervals, to keep it in place and to prevent tearing. Silk is warmer and stronger, and causes less discomfort from perspiration, than any other cloth, although heavy linen may be used. The pelts and lining are then sewed to the edges of the auto-top fabric, and the bag is sewed together, leaving one end and about 36 in. of the right-hand side open as

shown, to be fitted with hookless fasteners. A heavy netting may also be sewed to the top to pull over the head as a protection against insects. If desired, a small air pillow and mattress can be used to make the bag more comfortable, either purchased or made by vulcanizing inner tubes together. Properly made, this bag is comfortable, waterproof and weighs about 12 lb. It can be rolled into a compact bundle and strapped to the shoulders when hiking.—Elmer L. Brown, Folsom City, Calif.

Holes in Auto-Engine Crankcase Patched with Sheet Lead

A sheet-lead patch over a hole in an engine crankcase can be made as follows: Place the lead over the outside of the hole and hammer it lightly to make it conform to the irregularities of the casting, being careful not to fracture it. Then drill holes

through the lead and the case, about 1 in. apart, and fasten it in position with $\frac{3}{16}$ -in. stove bolts. Use flat washers between the lead and the nuts to prevent them from pulling through the soft metal. As an added precaution against leakage, use a heat-resisting cement as a bond between the patch and the crankcase.—James Scotland, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.



Electric Lamp Placed Inside Slotted Pipe Provides Light for Playing Horseshoes at Night

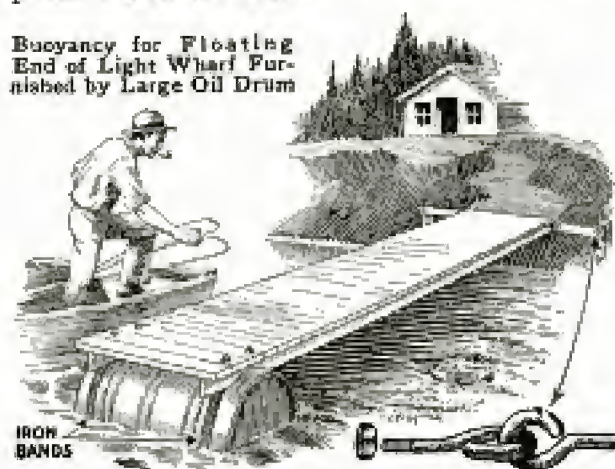
Horseshoe Players Use Illuminated Stakes at Night

Horseshoe fans in Chicago are using illuminated stakes so they can continue playing after dark. Each stake consists of a length of 2-in. pipe with three slots cut in the sides, as shown in the detail. A socket and electric lamp mounted inside of the stake near the base provides the illumination. Electric current for the lamp is carried through an underground conduit to which the stake may be either temporarily or permanently attached.

Oil Drum Provides Floating Support for Light Wharf

An oil drum has sufficient buoyancy to support the floating end of a light wharf, such as is often used at summer camps. Two iron straps are put around the drum and bolted to the wharf to hold it in position. The shore end is pivoted to two posts set in the bank.

Buoyancy for Floating End of Light Wharf Furnished by Large Oil Drum



IRON BANDS

Emergency Repairs on the Camp Stove

While on a camping trip, the generator on my gas stove refused to work, and, being several miles from any place where parts could be obtained, I took out the long pin inside and cleaned off the carbon so it would go through the tube easily. Then I cleaned out the hole in which the needle fits, taking care not to enlarge it. After reassembling the parts, the stove worked like a new one. Next, I replaced a worn-out burner screw with a strip of sheet metal, $\frac{1}{2}$ in. wide and 9 in. long, in which two rows of holes were punched down the center with a small nail. After punching the holes, I rolled the piece into a cylinder-shape of approximately the right diameter, and riveted the ends together, forming a screen that worked successfully until I could replace it with a new one.—Ward Skeen, Chicago.

Shoes Converted to Roof Creepers

By driving several small nails through the edge of the soles on your shoes, as shown in the photo, so that they project about $\frac{1}{4}$ in., it



is an easy matter to walk on sloping roofs. The nail points grip composition or wood shingles firmly and can be removed without noticeable damage to the shoe sole.

Make Your Own Liquid Bluing

For washing purposes, liquid bluing can be prepared at home. Dissolve 4 oz. of oxalic acid (poison) and 1 lb. of prussian blue in $\frac{1}{2}$ gal. of water. The oxalic acid should be dissolved completely before the blue is added. To use the bluing, add the desired quantity to the wash water in the usual manner. Oxalic acid is an efficient bleaching agent, therefore this type of bluing will greatly aid in producing pure white laundered goods.

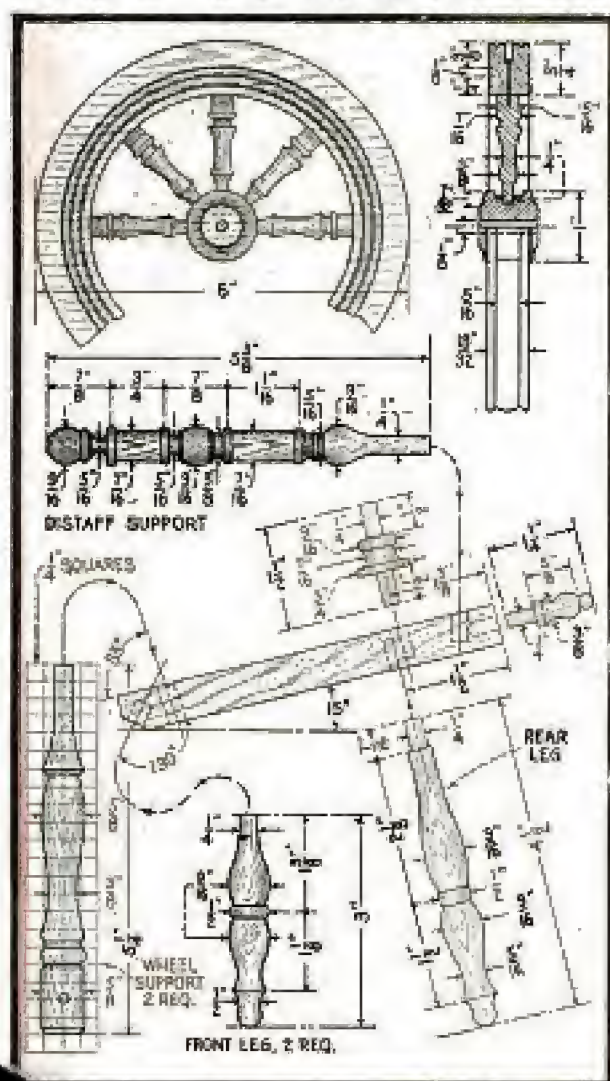
☛ Gasoline poured over the ground will drive out worms that are near the surface.



Model SPINNING WHEELS

Turned on Your Lathe

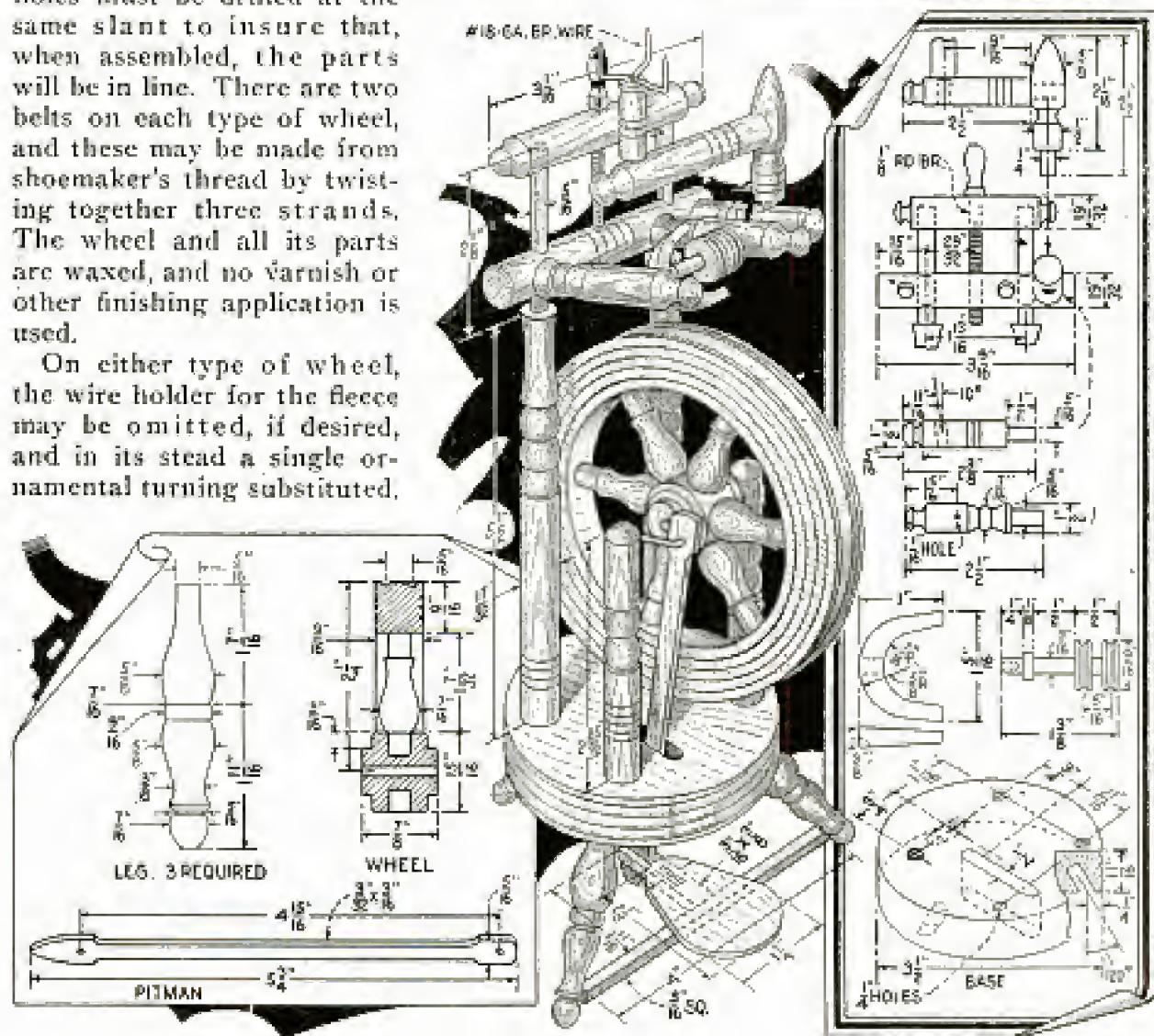
By W. CLYDE LAMMEY



The methods of turning and assembling the various parts of the vertical type of spinning wheel are essentially the same as those used for the horizontal type of wheel, with exception of the belt-tightening screw which raises and lowers the distaff and flyer assembly as a unit. This may be made from a length of brass rod, threaded as shown. A tap hole drilled through the lower cross-arm, and a clearance hole through the upper arm, allow the screw to turn.

It will be noted from the drawings that on the vertical type, which is illustrated on this page, the distaff and flyer-support arms are inclined upward slightly from the horizontal. This means that the three holes taking these parts must be drilled in the lower crossarm at an angle of about 10° , as indicated in one of the details. While the angles need only be approximated, all three holes must be drilled at the same slant to insure that, when assembled, the parts will be in line. There are two belts on each type of wheel, and these may be made from shoemaker's thread by twisting together three strands. The wheel and all its parts are waxed, and no varnish or other finishing application is used.

On either type of wheel, the wire holder for the fleece may be omitted, if desired, and in its stead a single ornamental turning substituted.





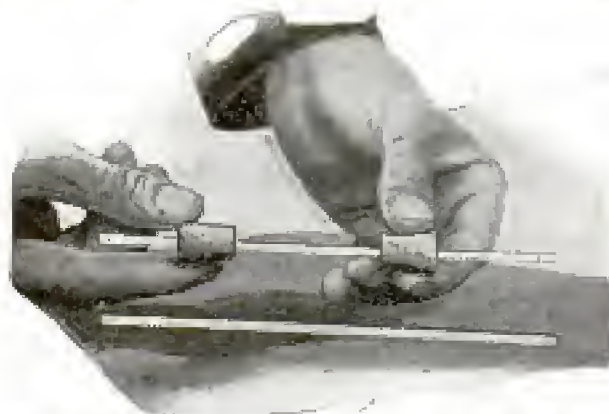
Old Bicycle Used as Power Supply for Driving Grinders and Other Rotary Tools

Bicycle Drives Grinding Wheel

Belted to the rear wheel, a grinder, mounted on the frame of an old bicycle, can be turned at high speed. The front wheel is removed and the frame fastened on a base as shown, using one support for the fork and one on each side of the rear wheel. The grinding wheel is mounted on a table which is clamped to the frame. The same idea can be applied to the driving of other small rotary tools.—A. Wurz, Jr., Rockyford, Alta., Can.

Cork Grips on Coping-Saw Blade for Use in Tight Places

Two large corks, cut halfway through and slipped over a coping-saw blade, enable you to grip it with the fingers and



Corks Enable Use of Coping-Saw Blade in Places Where Frame Cannot Be Handled

use it in places where a saw frame cannot be handled. The corks may be placed anywhere on the blade so that it can be held rigidly when drawn back and forth across the work.

Tartar Emetic Poisons Ants

Some ants eat greasy food while others like sweets. Tartar emetic has been found the most effective poison for either kind. For grease-eating ants, mix tartar emetic, 1 part, with grease, 20 parts, and for those that like sweets, mix tartar emetic, 1 part, with honey or sirup, 20 parts. Smear the bait on objects near the runways or other places where the ants are known to be. Care should be taken in spreading the mixture to see that only the ants can get it, and it should be removed as soon as they have disappeared.

Rope Anchor from Auto Casing

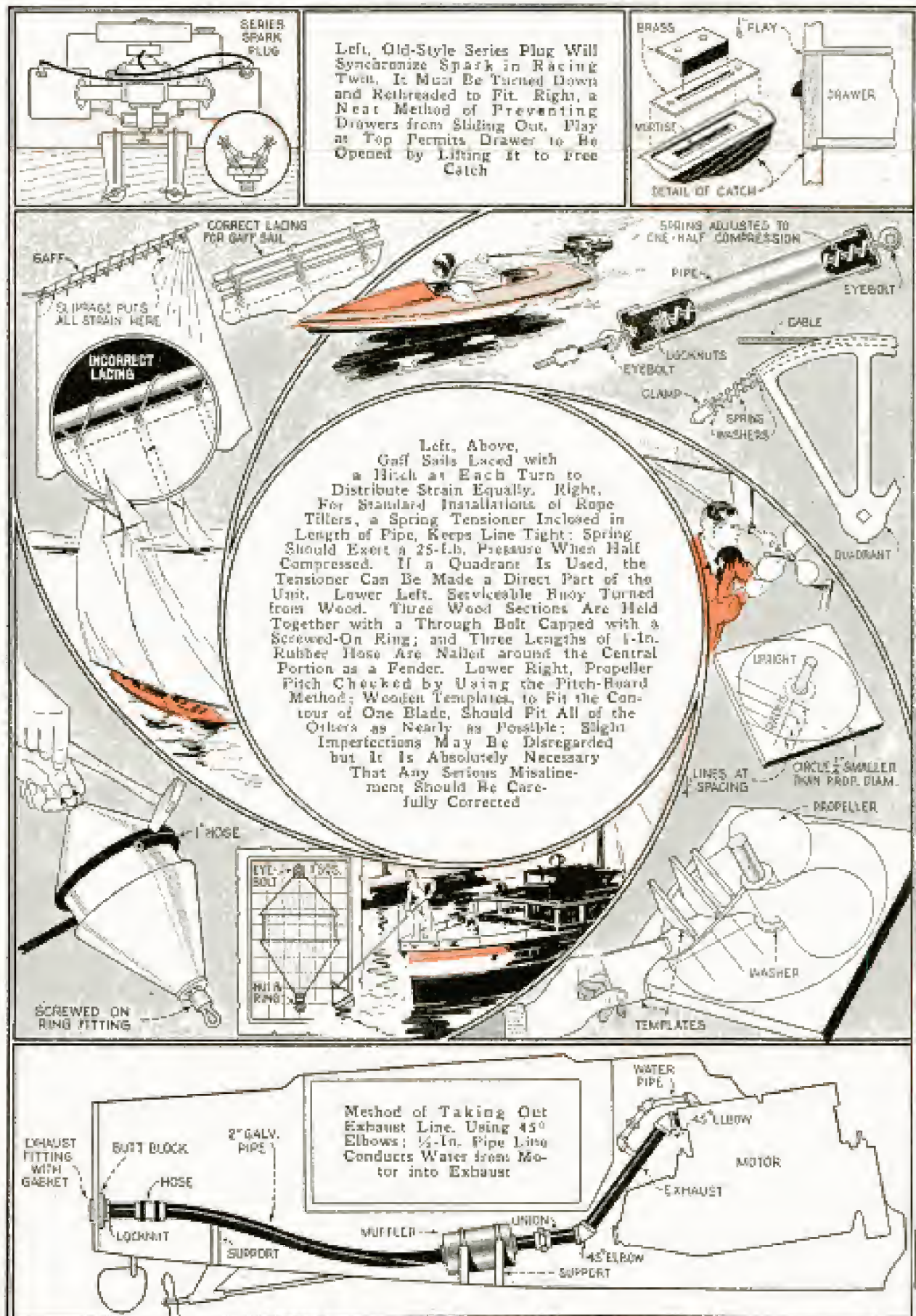
When it is necessary to tie or fasten a small rope in places where it is impractical to use a projecting hook or a nail, a piece of auto casing or leather, cut to the shape shown and nailed or screwed in place, makes a good anchor. The rope can be tied on securely and there will be no danger of injury or torn clothes to persons accidentally rubbing against it.

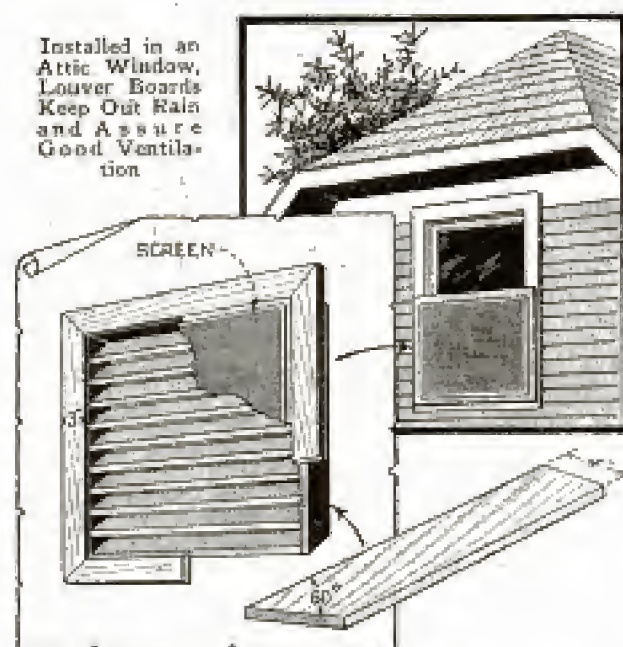


Adhesive Tape Helps in Gluing Small Boxes

When gluing small boxes and similar articles, a convenient method of holding the joints together is to bind them with adhesive tape. Ordinary medical tape can be used, but friction tape is better. In gluing the sides of a box having mitered corners, lay out the pieces end to end on a flat surface, and fasten them together with strips of tape laid over the joints, on the outside surface. Apply the glue and fold the sides into place, the tape strips acting as hinges. Let the tape remain in place until the glue has set.

Ideas for the Small-Boat Owner and Builder





An Efficient Ventilator for the Attic

Louver boards, set at a 60° angle in a special frame fitting a window casing, permit ventilation of an attic, yet keep out rain. Screen wire should be tacked over the frame to prevent the entrance of insects. By providing such a ventilator, the attic cools off quickly after a hot day.—Henry R. Zelley, Paulsboro, N. J.

Material to Use for Model Boats

Next to good tools and equipment, the most valuable asset in building model boats, is to use the best materials obtainable. For the rib-and-plank method of hull construction, sugar pine and mahogany have been found superior to other woods. The simpler and quicker way is the "bread-and-butter" method, the hull being built up in layers. Sugar pine and basswood are recommended for this purpose. In either case, the wood selected should be straight-grained and clear. The most desirable wood for decks is white cedar, mahogany or white pine, while spruce is the accepted stock for spars. Lead is customarily used for the ballast; scrap lead will do, but care must be taken when casting, to remove all impurities. Aluminum and wood are the most widely used materials for rudders. While aluminum is strong and light, it lacks buoyancy, and therefore many model makers prefer mahogany. Balloon cloth, in light weights, and "lonsdale" cambric are widely used

for sailcloth. Running rigging may be braided from fine fishline. On models 4 ft. long and over, standing rigging is made up of wire that will not rust, while fishline is used on the smaller boats. Paints and varnishes must be of good quality.—J. A. Waring, Jr., Minneapolis, Minn.

Styptic Pencil Relieves Ivy Poisoning

After the usual remedies had failed to relieve a severe case of ivy poisoning, I dipped my styptic pencil in water and applied it gently to the inflamed surface, and within a few minutes the burning sensation stopped. I continued the treatment for about 15 minutes and, without washing off the dry sediment, went to bed. The next morning all the itching was gone, many pimples had disappeared and others had turned brown. I continued the treatment for the next two days with complete relief, and have found application of the pencil effective also for sumac poisoning.—C. H. Robinson, Chicago.

Extra Seat on the Baby Carriage

An extra seat on the baby carriage can be provided by suspending an infant's swing from the handle as shown. This arrangement provides a place where an older child can ride comfortably without disturbing the baby.

Suspended from the Handle of a Baby Carriage, a Swing Seat Provides Transportation for Older Child



¶ Ten parts of alcohol and 90 parts of benzol, mixed together, will make a solution for removing dried printers' ink from type and furniture.

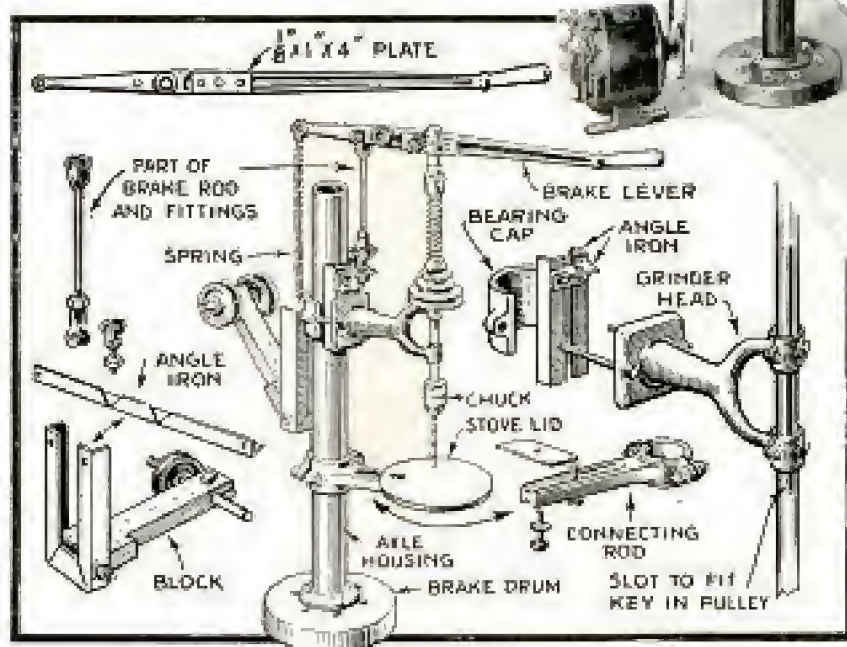


A DRILLPRESS

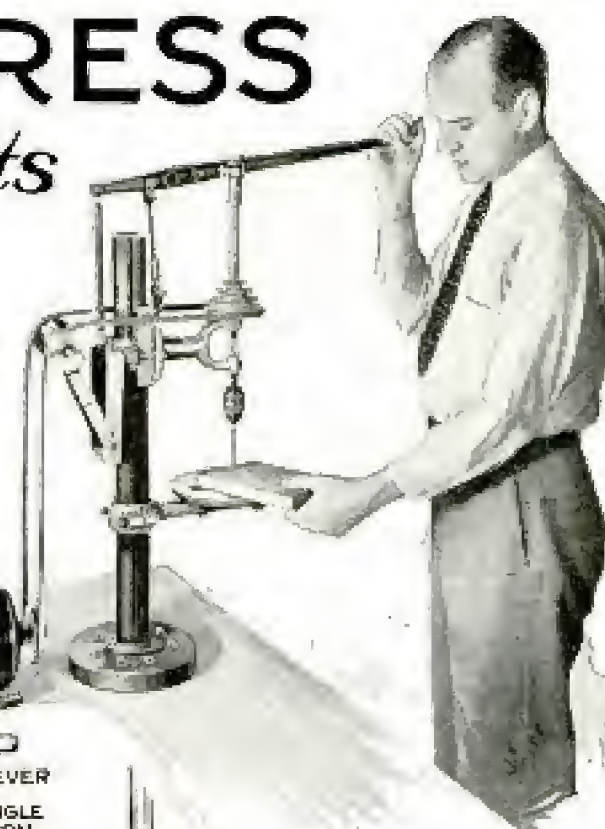
from Auto Parts

DRIVEN by means of a $\frac{1}{4}$ -hp. electric motor, this homemade drillpress, built mostly from old auto parts and a few items obtainable from your local dollar store, is sturdy, accurate and smooth in operation.

A cut-off portion from an axle housing is bolted to a brake drum, which, in turn, is bolted to the bench top. The spindle bearing is a small grinder head and is clamped to the housing by means of two



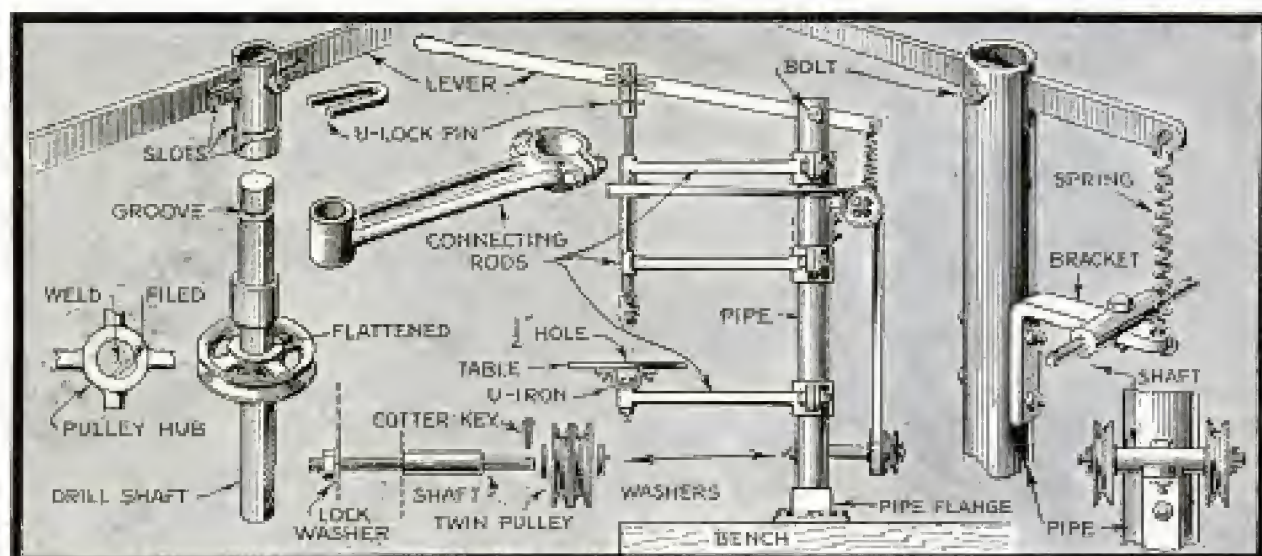
lengths of angle iron and a connecting-rod bearing cap, as shown in the detail. A groove is milled in the spindle to take a key of a step pulley, permitting the spindle to be raised and lowered while the pulley is rotating. The drillpress table consists of a stove lid bolted to a connecting rod, which is clamped to the axle housing. An old brake lever provides a convenient han-



dle, being attached to the upper end of the spindle and pivoted directly above the base of the grinder head, part of a brake rod and fittings being used for this purpose. A coil spring, attached to the end of the handle and to the assembly below, keeps the spindle up when not in use. Two small V-pul-

leys are slipped on a short piece of drill rod, which is held in a wooden block that is pivoted in an angle-iron frame attached to the axle housing as shown. The lower end of the spindle is threaded for a suitable chuck, which must be purchased.

Another design for a drillpress made from auto parts is also given. In this case, a pipe flange is substituted for the



brake drum and a length of pipe for the axle housing. Two connecting rods are used instead of the grinder head, to provide a double head for the spindle. Also, the lever is pivoted in a slot at the top of the pipe frame. Other points of difference in the construction and assembly can be gathered from the illustrations. If you have an old electric motor, or can readily obtain one, such a drillpress will involve very little expense, depending, of course, on the parts used in its construction. For a chuck, it is best to get one of the better-known and well-made brands, as a great deal of the accuracy of a drillpress depends on the chuck. One up to $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. capacity is suggested.

High-Speed Steel Easily Annealed in Hot Water

High-speed steel, which is usually difficult to anneal, can be softened sufficiently for easy working as follows: Heat a pail of water to 150° F. and hold it at this temperature if possible. Next, heat the piece to be annealed to a very dull red, discernible only by holding it in a dark corner of the room, and then quench it in the water.—Robert Duncanson, Rochester, N. Y.

Removing Rust Stains

Undyed goods may be freed of rust stains by soaking the spot in a solution of tin chloride in water. As soon as the spot has vanished, rinse the material thoroughly in large quantities of clear water.

This method should not be used on colored goods, as the chemical is likely to fade such fabrics.

Jig for Drilling Concentric Holes in Ends of Dowel Rods

Concentric holes can easily be drilled in the ends of dowel rods with this jig, which consists of an electric hand drill and a wooden block for holding the rods, both being fastened securely to a bench top as indicated. A hole is drilled through the center of the block lengthwise, part of the hole being of suitable diameter to receive the dowel rod, while the rest is just large enough to take the drill, as shown in the lower detail. The large end of the hole is countersunk so that the rod can be inserted more easily.—John E. Hyler, Peoria, Illinois.

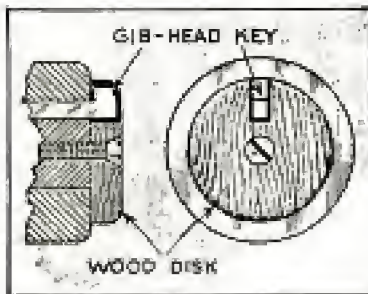


Simple Method of Locating Misses in Eight-in-Line Motor

Locating missing cylinders in an eight-cylinder engine is a comparatively easy matter if the following procedure is followed. As the usual division of an eight-in-line type is such, that the combination of the two front cylinders with the two rear ones will form one four-cylinder engine with even firing impulses, while the four center ones will form another, the plug wires may be removed from either of these two portions and grounded to the cylinder head, allowing the four operating cylinders to be tested in the same manner as an ordinary "four." It may be found necessary to open the throttle slightly in order to keep the engine running.

Wooden Disk Covers Gib-Key Head

The danger of having the clothing catch on the head of a gib key, commonly used for keying wheels and gears on the end of shafts, can be overcome by screwing a wooden disk to the shaft as shown. The thickness of the disk should be slightly greater than the distance the key head projects beyond the end of the shaft, which is drilled and tapped for a machine screw to hold the disk in place. If the edge of the disk is rounded, clothing can hardly be caught by the key when the shaft turns.



Metal Gauze Prevents Explosions in Fuel Containers

To prevent explosions that often occur inside of liquid-fuel containers due to the collection of explosive vapors, solder pieces of fine metal gauze over the inside of all openings. The fire always starts on the outside of the container and follows the vapor through the opening and inside where the explosion occurs. The gauze does not interfere with pumping or pouring the liquid, but will effectively prevent the vapor flash from passing, as is the case in the Davy mine lamp.



Machine Tables That Fold Down against the Legs Save Space in Crowded Shops

Folding Tables on Machines Save Space in Shop

Considerable space can be saved in a shop if the tables on large machines are made to fold down against the legs when not in use. The tables can be made of sheet metal fastened to two lengths of angle iron, which are hinged to the side of the machine and supported at the other end by iron rods fitting holes drilled through the legs of the machine and at the outer table edge as shown. When not in use, the rods are removed to allow the table to fold down against the legs.

Paper Wad in Wrench Socket Helps Start Bolts and Nuts

Paper wadded into the end of a socket wrench will be found helpful when starting bolts or capscrews, as it keeps them from sinking down into the socket too far. In this way, only the head enters the end of the socket, where it is held firmly, so that the screw can be driven home.



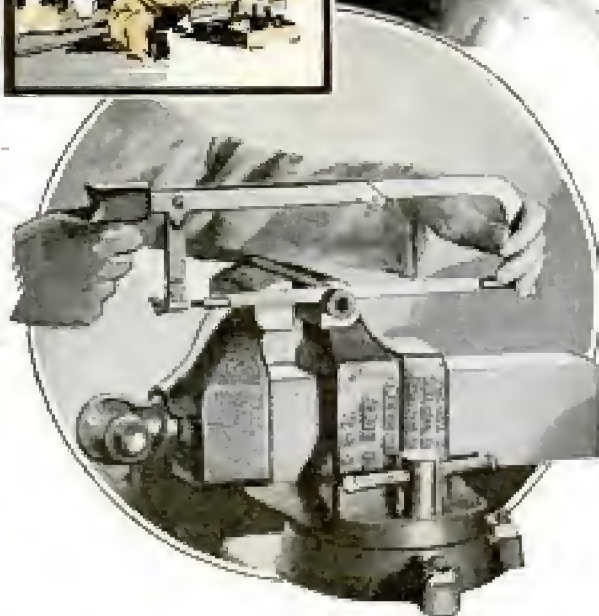
A family TOOL KIT



PART II

FOR making minor repairs about the house and building some of the many articles described in *Popular Mechanics*, only a few elementary tools are required, and these can be obtained without much expense.

The one tool that has most use around the house is a hammer. A good hammer has balance, is properly tempered, correctly ground and will drive a nail straight and true. Of course, as you must take the maker's word on the matter of temper, you will want to buy one of the well and favorably known brands. While it is possible to pound one's fingers with even a good hammer, a poorly balanced hammer is often the cause. The tools that require the greatest care in the selection are the saws. It is best to obtain two saws, one for ripping and one for crosscutting, as the common practice of using a crosscut saw for ripping soon takes the set out of the teeth and causes the saw to bind and eventually buckle. A seven-point rip saw and a ten-point crosscut saw with 22-in. blades will serve your purpose very well. It is difficult to keep shorter saws in the kerf, while a longer saw soon tires the arm of one unaccustomed to swinging it. Try the heft and balance of the saws, and be sure the handle fits your hand comfortably, before you purchase them. A plane is rather a complicated device but fortu-

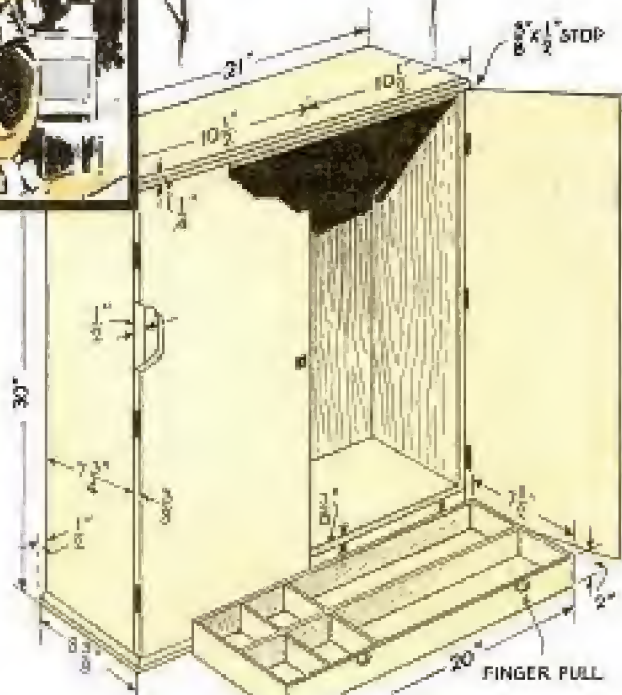
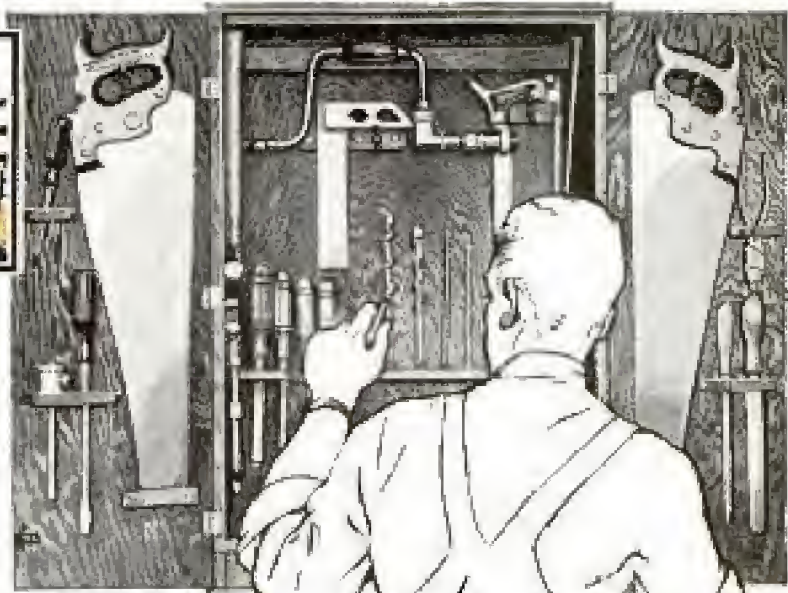


for Home Repairs



nately is pretty well standardized, so that it would be difficult to go wrong on any of the better brands. You can get along very well with just one of them if you get a jack plane. It is sufficiently short to be used for end work or smoothing, and long enough to plane the edges of screen frames, storm sash, etc., reasonably true. While on the subject of edge tools, a few chisels should not be forgotten. You may want to make various articles in which a mortise-and-tenon or half-lap joint is used, and four chisels, $\frac{1}{8}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ in. in width, will be found the most useful sizes.

A rubber mallet is superior to the old wooden type in many ways, aside from the fact that it is less likely to split the chisel handles. It serves the purpose of a general utility tool for doing anything from chiseling to pounding dents out of car fenders. Auger bits are convenient and fairly inexpensive tools, and you should have at least five of the common sizes, ranging from $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1 in. They may be purchased separately or in sets, but should be of good quality. A countersink bit for setting flat-head screws flush with the surface, and a $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. wood drill for making holes for larger-size



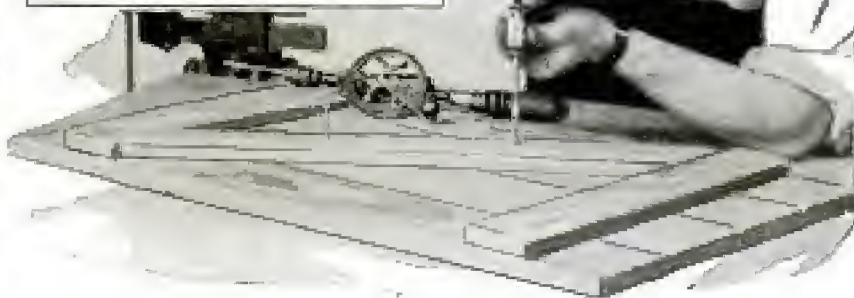
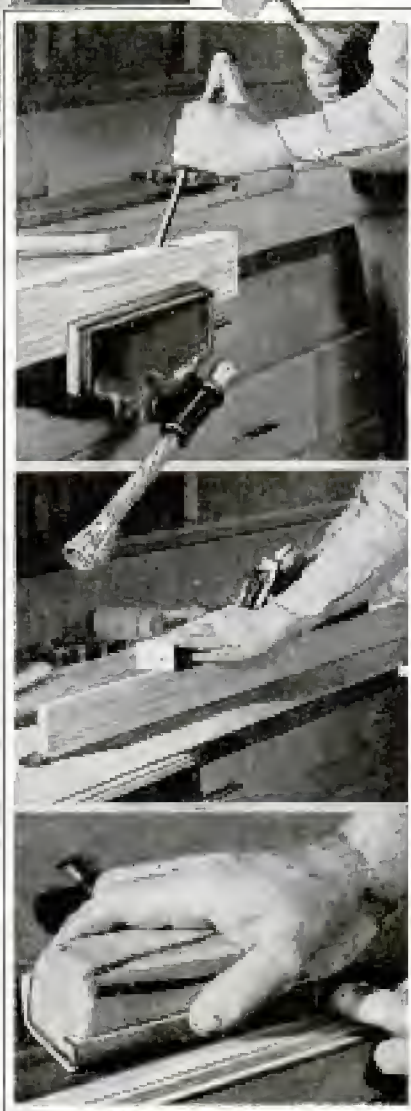


screws will also be handy. For smaller screw and nail holes, an automatic or spring drill is convenient, although a small hand drill may be substituted for the automatic drill, as it has the advantage of taking drills that will cut through either metal or wood, and the cost is only slightly greater. There are so many places around a home where a hole must be drilled in a corner or next to a wall, that it will pay you to buy a good ratchet brace. A bit brace having a 10-in. sweep is suitable. For measuring tools, the first suggestion is an all-metal try-square with a miter gauge on the end of the handle. This type has the advantage over a wood-handled type that it is not so apt to get out of true when dropped on the floor, and has a convenient miter gauge. A marking gauge is also a handy and inexpensive tool for mortising hinges, gauging thickness, and many other uses. Add to these a 2-ft. rule. You will find it convenient to have two or

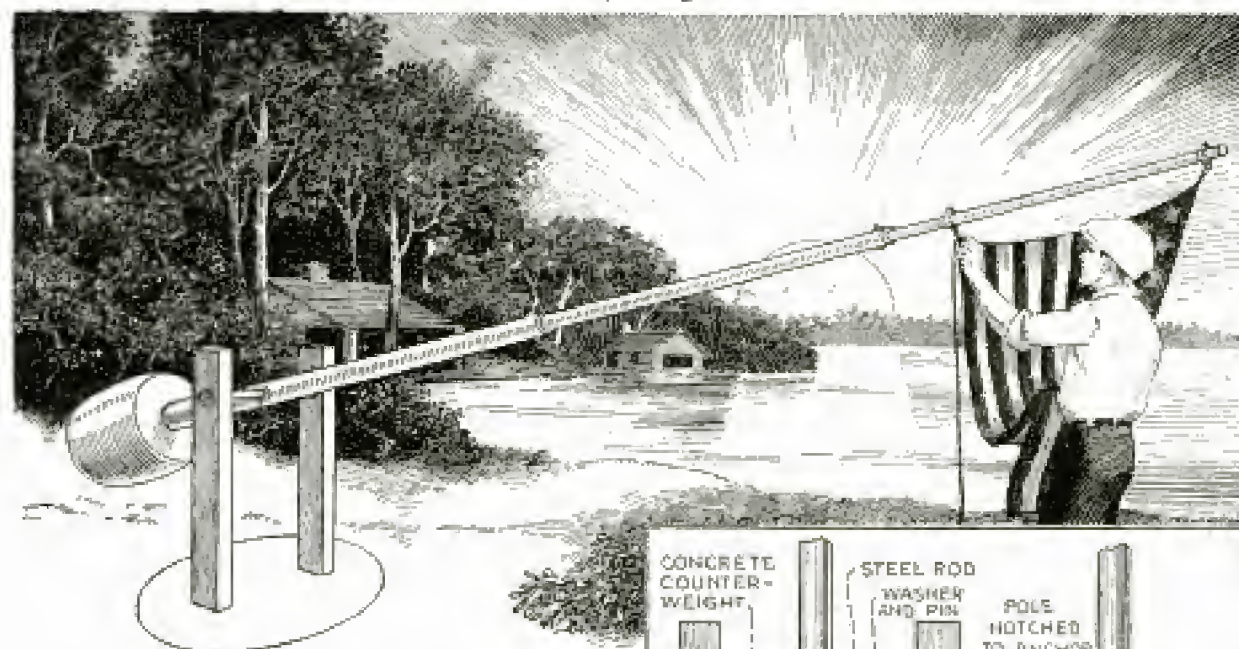
three screwdrivers of various sizes. For general use, a 6-in. and a 10-in. screwdriver will serve if your wife will lend you one from her sewing machine when a small size is needed. A good combination oilstone, with one side fine and the other medium, will be needed to sharpen chisels and plane irons. For holding small work, a vise is also of importance, although you can add this when you desire to equip your workshop more completely.

The handy man around the house must sometimes be a plumber, electrician, machinist and carpenter all in one, and a home shop is not complete without at least the commonest tools of these various trades, so it is well to add to your list an adjustable hacksaw frame and a dozen assorted blades, a pair of good side-cutting pliers of the type electricians use, two files with handles, one good-quality pipe wrench for pipes up to and including 1 in., and a good monkey wrench for bolt heads up to 1½ inches.

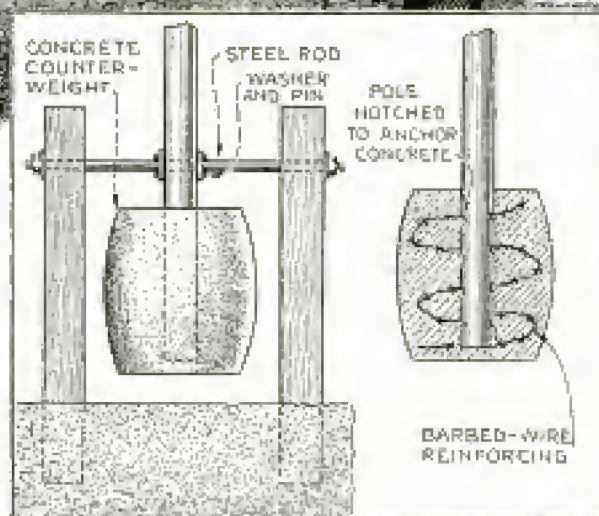
A handy tool cabinet to be hung on the wall is shown with all necessary dimensions.



Counterweight Holds Up Pivoted Flagpole



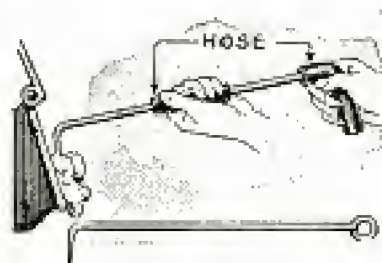
Counterweighted at the bottom and pivoted between two posts, this flagpole is easily pulled down for attachment or removal of the flag, eliminating the use of reeve pulleys and a rope. The posts are set in a concrete base and are drilled at the top for a steel rod, on which the pole swings. The rod is threaded at both ends for nuts, while iron washers and cotter keys, inserted through holes in the rod, keep the pole in the center. Notches are cut in the pole near the bottom to anchor the concrete counterweight. In making the weight, the bottom end of the pole is centered in a small barrel or keg, which serves as a form, and the concrete poured into it. Suitable reinforcing material should be placed in the form before pouring. The pole consists of telescoping pipes, the joints being secured with bolts.



journal boxes on railroad cars, can be overcome by forming a pistol grip on the hook as indicated. Short sections of garden hose, slipped over the end and center of the hook, make the tool more comfortable to handle.

Pistol Grip on Packing Hook Saves Workmen's Hands

Trouble often experienced by having your hands cramp from the continuous gripping of a hook in repacking

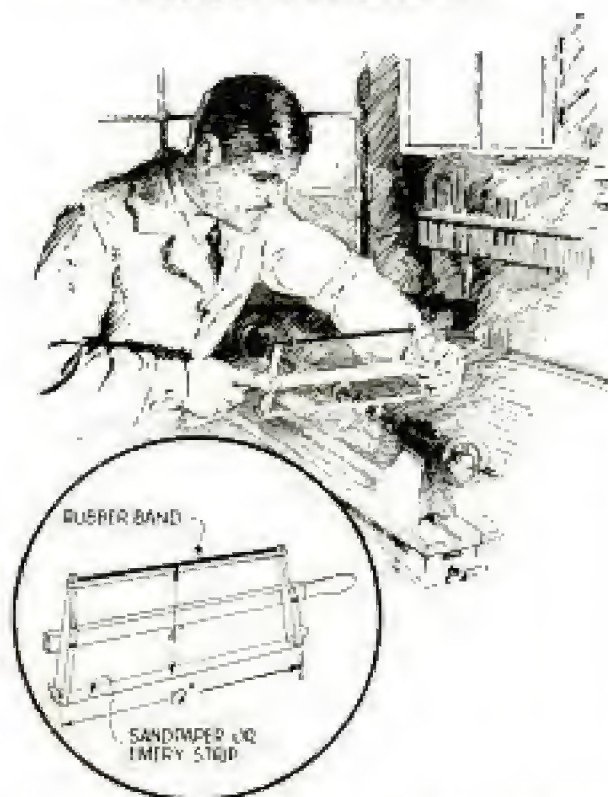


Kerosene Prevents Molten Metal from Spattering

To overcome the danger of hot metal, such as lead or babbitt, from spattering when poured on concrete or other damp places, moisten the surface with kerosene by either brushing or spraying it on. This forms a film over the pores of the concrete and keeps the metal from coming in direct contact with the moisture.

Oil on a new file should be removed before using it on metal, but is helpful when filing fiber.

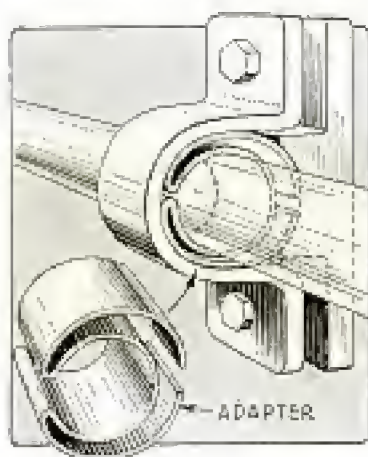
Holder Keeps Sandpaper Taut While Sanding Work in Lathe



Frame Holds Sandpaper Strip Taut When Finishing Spindle Work

This frame for holding strips of sandpaper or emery cloth will be found useful when sanding work in a lathe. The holder consists of a wooden handle to which two other pieces are pivoted, the lower end of each being fitted with headless brads to hold the end of the paper or cloth. A rubber band across the upper ends of these pieces holds the strips taut. The construction is clearly shown in the detail.

Adapter Converts Large Pipe Hanger into Small Size



Workmen on a large office building used the illustrated adapter for converting large hangers into use for small pipe on the heating system rather than wait several weeks for

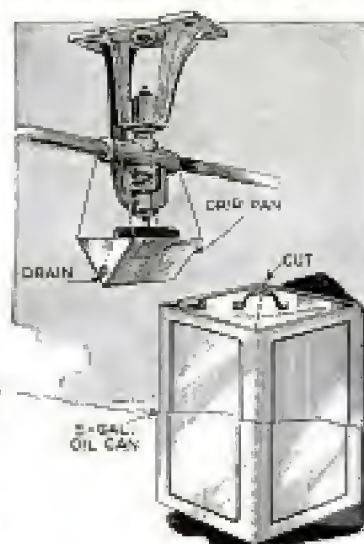
proper-size hangers to arrive. The adapter is simply a piece of sheet metal bent to the contour of the pipe, doubled back and placed between the pipe and hanger.

Wire Depth Gauge for Small Drills

Model makers will find a depth gauge, made by wrapping fine wire round a drill shank, useful when a number of holes of uniform depth are required, or when there is danger of breaking through the other side of the work. The end of the wire is given two or three turns around the drill near the end of the shank and chucked in a hand drill, which is then clamped in a vise. By turning the drill, the wire can be wound around it very easily, and the loose end firmly anchored by turning it under the last few turns of wire. Care should be taken to wind the wire around the drill in the opposite way to that in which it cuts. Heavy thread can be substituted for wire, but will not last so long.

Drip Pans for Overhead Bearings

Oil drip pans for use on overhead countershaft bearings, etc., can be improvised from square 5-gal. oilcans by cutting them in two diagonally as shown. Two lengths of wire, placed over each bearing, hold the pan in place. A drain hole should be made near the bottom and stopped with a cork when the pan is in use.—Chas. H. Willey, Concord, N. H.



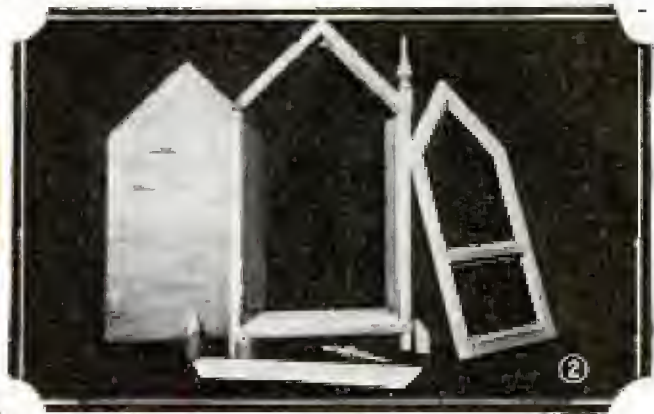
An Effective Caterpillar Destroyer

Caterpillars and crawling insects may be trapped by smearing the vines and plant stalks with a sticky mass prepared by mixing 6 oz. of venice turpentine, 5 oz. of linseed oil and 75 gr. of melted paraffin. Heat helps make a smooth mixture.

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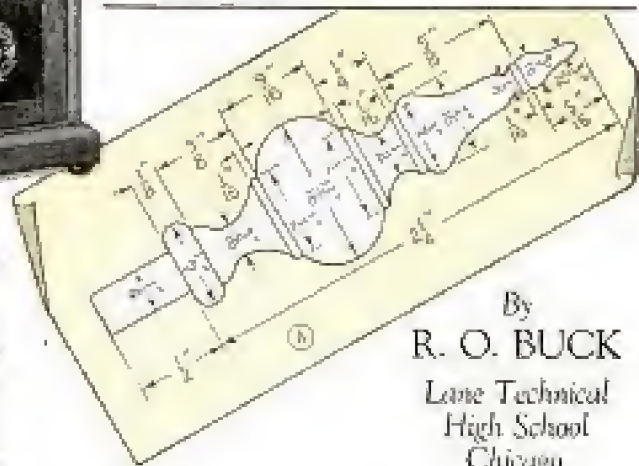
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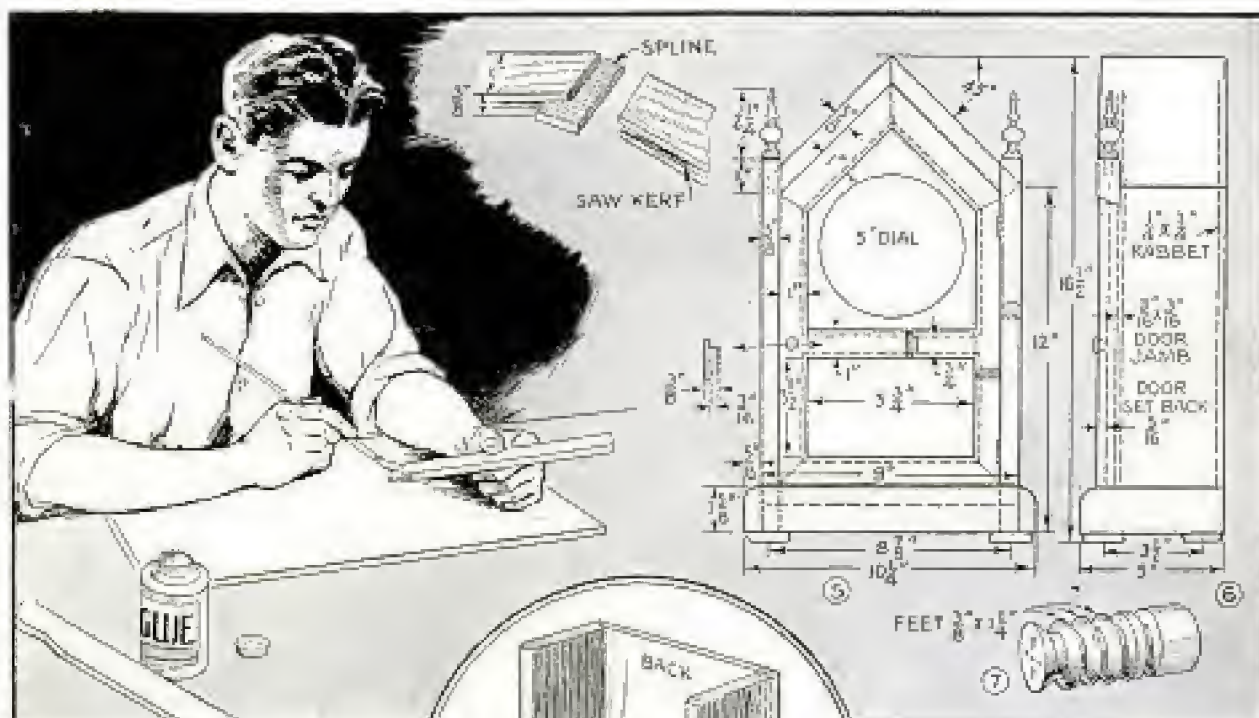
REMINISCENT of the Gothic, or steeple, clocks of 1830, this mantel type, in appearance like its prototype, has been brought in keeping with modern conveniences by fitting it with an electric movement. As the latter varies somewhat in exact size, it is well to purchase this before starting the work on the case, which is designed to take a 5-in. dial.



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With the exception of the white-pine back and bottom, mahogany was the wood generally used in the clock cases of the time. The dimensions of the parts shown in Fig. 2 can be obtained from the drawings. The sides and top, base and bottom pieces, are all $\frac{5}{8}$ in. thick. A half-round molding is formed on the front edge of the sides and top with a hand plane and sandpaper, or may be done more quickly with a molding head on your circular saw. A $\frac{1}{4}$ by $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. rabbet is also cut into the rear edge of these pieces to house the backing. A full-size layout of the case should be made as in Figs. 5 and 6, from which the angle at the meeting of the side and top can be determined. After the bottom ends of the two sidepieces have been squared, they are held firmly against the crosscut gauge of your saw, and the miter cuts for which the saw is set are done as in Fig. 1. Be sure that the groove for the backing comes on the inside and that your sides are cut to form a pair. If the inner

faces are marked with a cross at the beginning, you will be less likely to make an error. The top pieces are made in a similar manner. The lower miters are the same angle as that on the sidepieces, but the joint at the top is a 45° miter. The bottom piece, which is raised a trifle above the base molding to form a sill for the door, extends all the way across the frame at the front, to square out the rounded edge where it goes below the base molding, as in Fig. 8. The assembly of the framework is started with the joint at the top. A triangular block is glued and tacked into the top to reinforce this joint while it is being glued and nailed. Liquid glue may be used for the joints, but it should be put on both pieces and the two



rubbed together, before nailing. If a sidepiece is held in the vise while the top assembly is being fastened to it, the process will be easier. After the top and both sides are assembled, the bottom is fitted into the grooves and is securely glued and nailed into place. The back is made of $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. stock, either plywood or solid, and is fastened with brads.

A simple base molding is used to finish the bottom of the clock. This quarter-round edge may be made with a plane and sandpaper, but the same molding cutter that was used to make the half-round molding on the edges can also be set for this work. The corners are mitered, another process that can be done nicely on the circular saw, if the gauge is set at 45 degrees.

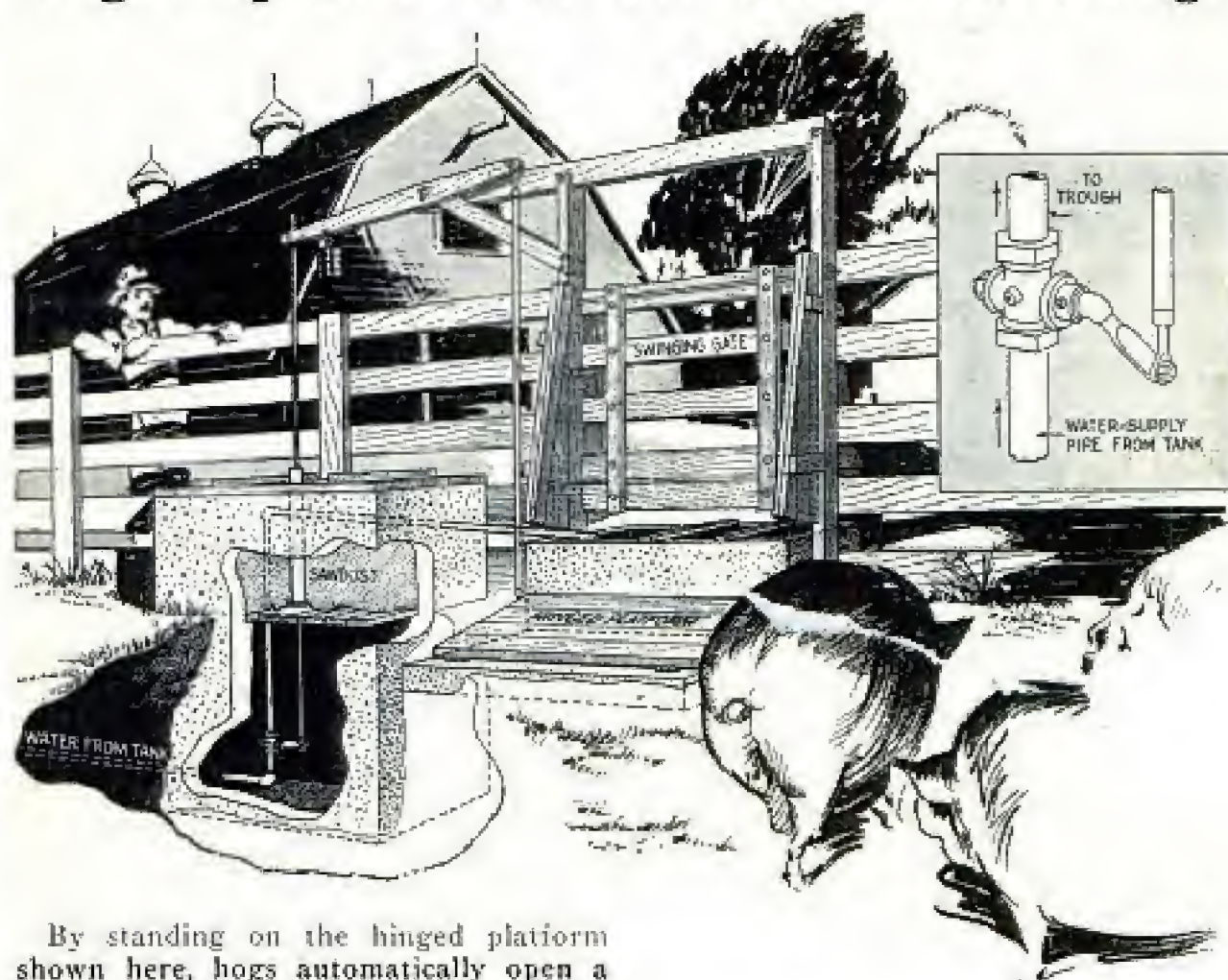
The construction of the door is just as easy. After the stock for all the pieces has been cut to size, the corner joints should be mitered and the pieces fitted into the case. When all the joints are completed, the top face of each piece should be marked with a pencil to identify it. With the circular saw set for a depth of $\frac{3}{8}$ in., and the fence so that the cut will come at the approximate center, make a saw kerf on the inner edge of each piece,

including the center bar, which will have a kerf on both edges. Now set the saw to a depth of $\frac{3}{8}$ in. and make a cut along the mitered edges. The latter cuts are for the purpose of splining the frame together. The grain of the pieces used for splines must run across the joint and should fit fairly snugly. Only glue is used to fasten the pieces of the door together. The rabbet that carries the glass is cut after the glue joints of the frame are dry. In the meantime, the frame should be laid on a flat surface and clamped, or held by some heavy object, to prevent warping. The method of cutting the rabbet is to mark out the lines of the cuts with a gauge and then chisel away the stock down to the saw kerf previously made. Little strips of stock are run on the saw to form glass strips. These may be mitered at the corners with a sharp knife. Strips are also made and glued and nailed into place, to form jambs for the door. The face of the door should be set back $\frac{5}{16}$ in. from the front, which is the point where the curved edge ends.

A block and finial are set at each of the front corners. Notice that the block extends $\frac{3}{8}$ in. in front, but is flush on the side. The front molding is chiseled away

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Hogs Step on Platform to Fill Water Trough

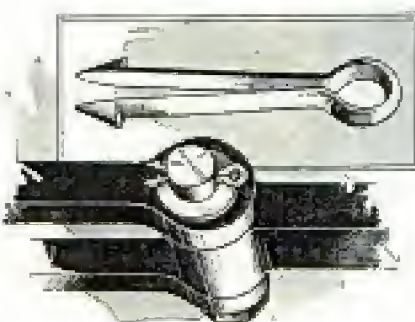


By standing on the hinged platform shown here, hogs automatically open a three-way valve so that water runs into the trough. As soon as they get off the platform, the valve closes and the pipe leading to the trough drains. The concrete inclosure for the valve is 4 ft. square, extending 4 ft. below the surface and 3 ft. above. The lower part of the wall is 6 in., while the upper part is 5 in. thick, the resulting ledge being utilized to support boards on which a heavy layer of sawdust is piled, to keep the cold from reaching the valve. A 1-in. pipe line from the supply tank is laid below the frost level, and the pipe that runs to the trough is set at an angle, so that no water will remain inside where it would freeze. Dimensions of the trough are 8 by 30 by 6 in. deep. Control of the valve is obtained by means of the lever arrangement illustrated, the walking beam being pivoted about two-thirds the distance from one end, so that the weight of this end will close the valve when the weight on the platform is removed. It may be necessary to add a counterweight to the beam as shown. If the trough is

located at a fence, a swinging gate will make it accessible from both sides, and in this case an extra hinged platform and operating mechanism should be provided. Only occasional attention is required.

A Self-Locking Cotter Key

By bending a length of machine steel to the shape of a cotter key and filing the



ends as shown, a self-locking key can be made that is easily removed when necessary. Such keys

are useful on the ends of pins, yokes and levers that are subjected to severe vibration and have to be dismantled frequently.



c Steel Fence Posts with the Aid of a Pipe Containing Steel Shafting

Steel Fence Posts Driven with Pipe

Steel fence posts can be driven into the ground quickly by the use of a 3-ft. pipe having a piece of steel shafting riveted or bolted inside at one end, as indicated in the detail of the drawing. The open end of the pipe is slipped over the upper end of the fence post. This method is handier than the use of a sledge hammer on account of the height of the posts.

Paper Removes Filings from Magnet



When using a magnet to pick up small objects such as tacks and steel filings, a piece of paper held over the poles, as shown, will prevent them from becoming clogged and will make it easy to remove the filings quickly. When the magnet is not in use, a small steel bar should be placed across the poles to make the magnetization last longer.

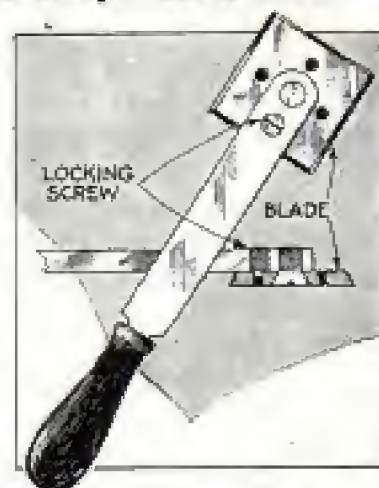
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Photo Floodlamps Improve Enlarger

Though their effective life is only 120 minutes, photo floodlamps will be found economical for use in an enlarger, as they are lighted only a small portion of the time and have several advantages over the usual lamp. Due to the brighter light furnished by these lamps, dense negatives are more easily focused on an enlarging easel, with the models that require focusing. They also permit the use of a smaller stop, thus making a much sharper enlargement. Another advantage is that they enable the use of chloride paper, which, although slower than bromide paper, is offered in a greater variety of surfaces and is less expensive. When employing these lamps in an enlarger, it is a good idea to use a pressure switch to reduce the tendency to burn them longer than is necessary. A starter switch from an auto is good for this purpose. When using the photo floodlamps, the exposure naturally will be much shorter than with other lamps.—Roland J. Swedlund, Boulder, Colorado.

Multi-Edged Scraper Saves Time

On rush jobs the illustrated scraper will be found handy. The handle is pivoted to the center of a four-edge blade, which is also drilled near each edge to receive the end



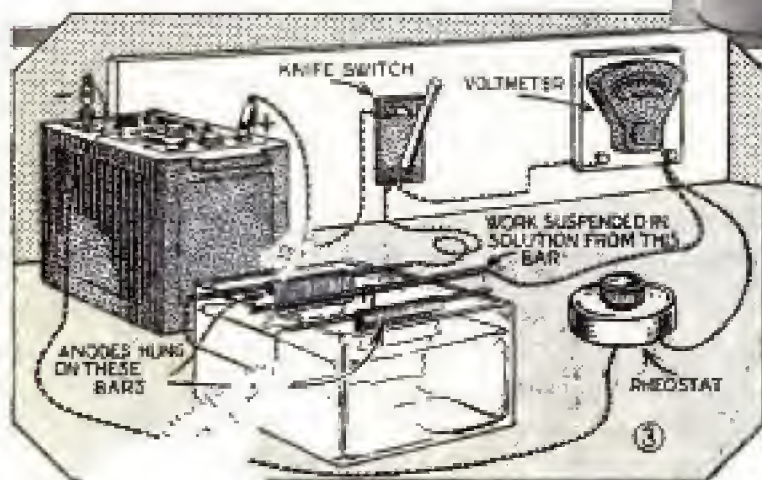
of a locking screw. When one edge is dull, the locking screw is loosened, the blade turned to present a sharp edge, and the screw tightened.—C. M. Wilcox, Torrington, Conn.

Preventing Wood from Molding

One gallon of formaldehyde added to 40 gal. of water serves as an effective spray or wash to prevent mold on doors and wood fixtures in damp cellars and basements. The solution should be applied whenever signs of mold appear.

be kept in a glass container, as it will attack metal. To use it, the clean copper-plated work is immersed in the solution by a copper wire attached to the work, as in Fig. 1. In a few seconds, the work will take on a dull grayish-white appearance, due to a coating of mercury deposited on its surface. The amalgam of mercury and copper makes an exceptionally good base for the deposition of a firm, adherent silverplate. The work should never be allowed to remain too long in the quicking solution, because too much mercury in the amalgam is detrimental to the silverplate.

Silver and gold solutions should be used in glass or stoneware containers. To make the silverplating solution, dissolve sodium cyanide (poison), 2 oz., in water, 1 qt. To this add silver chloride, $\frac{3}{4}$ oz., and stir with a stick until dissolved. Sheets of silver or silver foil are suspended from the positive bars, which are laid across the



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of distilled water. This solution should be allowed to stand for several days before it is used. The same method is followed as in the silver bath. The anodes—the electrodes suspended from the bar connected to the positive pole of the battery—should be gold foil or hard, coreless electric-arc carbons. Goldplating solution deteriorates in use with carbon anodes and accordingly will have to be replaced from time to time. When

work and the anodes have been suspended in the solution, close the switch and adjust the rheostat until the voltmeter reads 5 volts. The color of the plated work can be varied by changing the current slightly. It is impossible to list the colors and tones that can be obtained, as there are so many other factors involved, such as the nature of the chemicals used, the time between plating operations, and the temperature of the solution.

Growing Winter Crops of Potatoes

Taking advantage of climatic conditions, farmers in the Gulf coast area have been able to grow winter crops of Irish potatoes. Seed potatoes are planted late in August or early in September and grow to maturity about the middle of November, when the vines are cut off at the level of the ground and the potatoes banked in rows with a turning plow. They are allowed to remain in the ground and will be found in a perfectly fresh condition when they are harvested in December and January.—W. D. Robinson, Pass Christian, Miss.

Two Handy Clamps for Light Work

Here are two clamps that are easily made and will be useful for light work. The single-screw clamp consists of two wood blocks, cut as shown and drilled for a $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. carriage bolt, which is threaded its entire length for a wingnut. The other clamp is capable of a greater pressure and consists of two blocks and two bolts, one of which is fitted with nuts between the blocks to keep the jaws parallel, while the

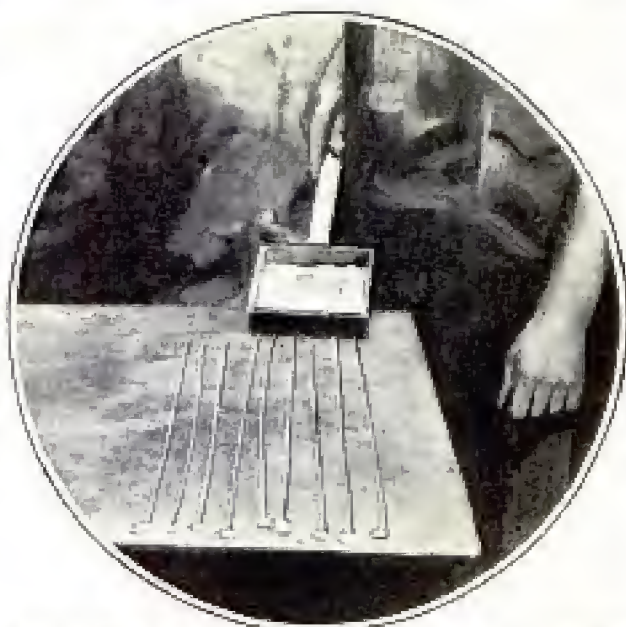


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Castor Oil as Bearing Lubricant

Overheating of electric motors, due to lack of lubrication, can be overcome by employing oil reservoirs and refilling them with castor oil. This lubricant will prevent excessive heating, no matter how long the motor is in operation. Many barrels of castor oil were used by the artillery during the world war for this purpose.—W. C. Leckey, Galena, Ill.



Solder Running through Holes in Bottom of Pan
Forms Wire Solder When Dragged across Table

Wire Solder Made with Metal Pan

Wire solder is easily formed by pouring the molten solder into a shallow metal pan, having a number of holes drilled in one side near the bottom, and then drawing the pan quickly across a metal table, tipping it while it is moved as shown. The solder will run through the holes leaving the solder in lengths of wire, except for a small button at one end which can be cut off and remelted. The size of the holes may be varied according to the size of wire desired. The pan should have a long metal handle, and is heated before pouring the melted solder into it. Just enough solder to run out before it cools should be used at a time.

Making Reamers Cut Oversize

Solid reamers can be made to cut a few thousandths of an inch more than their diameter by laying a strip of thin shim stock over the edge of one blade, as shown. Start with thin shim stock and use heavier, or additional pieces with each cut. This keeps the reamer from digging and insures accuracy when enlarging a hole.

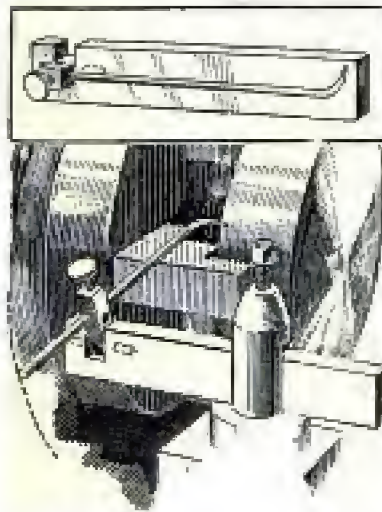


A Whitewash for Interior Use

For the dairy barn or milk house, the University of Nebraska recommends the following whitewash: Slake $\frac{1}{2}$ bu. of lime in boiling water, keeping it covered during the process to retain the steam. Then strain the liquid through a fine sieve or strainer and add to it, salt 1 pk., previously dissolved in warm water. Next boil 3 lb. of ground rice to a thin paste and stir it in while hot, and add hot water, 5 gal. This solution can be applied either hot or cold with a spray pump. The walls and ceiling, of course, should be swept clean before applying the wash.

Back-Face Truing Tool for Work in Lathe

Here is a tool that is handy for truing the back face of work in a lathe chuck. A length of bar iron, to fit into the tool-post, is slotted across one end and drilled lengthwise for a pin, which pivots a rectangular piece of steel in the slot. This piece is tapped at the other end for a thumbscrew with which to clamp a scriber in a hole drilled near the center. In use, the tool is mounted in the lathe toolpost as shown, with the scriber point against



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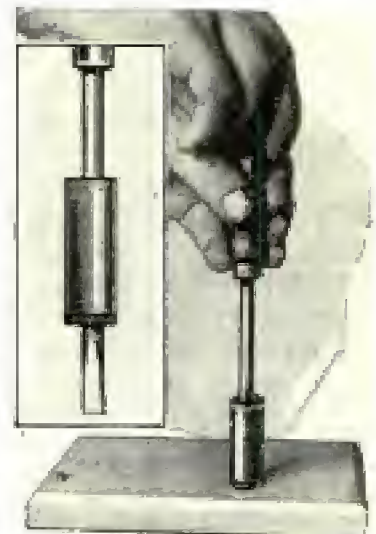


Fitted with Centers and Clamped in a Vise, Hacksaw Frame Holds Core for Winding Coils

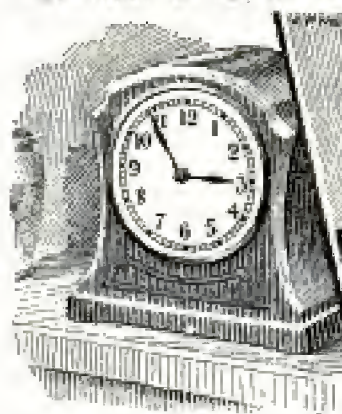
entire length to take locknuts, are ground to form centers and fitted into the ends of the frame, as shown. In use, the coil is placed between the centers and the locknuts tightened to hold it in position.—John Davis, Albany, Ga.

Driving Screws in Finished Work

To protect the surface of finished work from being scratched by the screwdriver slipping off the head of a screw, the illustrated attachment has been found effective. It consists of a metal sleeve, with a leather washer glued or cemented to the lower end, placed over the shank of the screwdriver and the head of the screw. The washer keeps the sleeve from scratching the surface of the work, while the sleeve prevents the screwdriver from jumping off the screwhead. The hole in the sleeve should be approximately the same diameter as the screw head, and for this reason it is a good idea to have a number of sleeves on hand to fit the various sizes of screws that are used in the shop.



Can You Solve *these* Puzzles?



IF the clock hands are set 20 minutes apart, at 54 $\frac{1}{2}$ minutes past 2 o'clock, the lines formed by the hands indicate a two-to-one division of the hour-number values as well as of dial area, the smaller section containing the numbers 11, 12, 1 and 2, and the larger part the numbers 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, with respective totals of 26 and 52.

Now, at what other exact times of the day will the clock present that same oddity—the dial divided into two parts, one twice the area of the other, the lesser containing numbers which total 26, and the larger with numbers summing up 52? The fact of figures obtruding slightly upon dividing line, as do 11 and 3 in our sketch, is to be disregarded.

ON their double birthday, MacKenzie said to MacGregor; "I want to con-



gratulate you on having been my partner during two-fifths of your lifetime." MacGregor then pointed out that since MacKenzie was MacGregor's junior by twelve years, his term in the partnership had existed one-half of his life. Can you tell how long they have been partners?

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Answers to Last Month's Pu

Perkins is 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ years of age. His wife is 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ years. At the time Perkins was six years older than his wife's present age, his wife must have been 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ years and he 27 $\frac{1}{2}$. Then they each advanced 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ years to their present ages.

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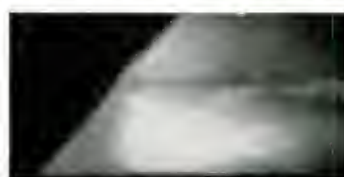
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